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Hard work pays off for the soccer team. Captains Kelly Chestnut and Robert Tas enjoy the unexpected victory over Essex in the final game of Regional Championships. COVER: Unpredictable describes this school year. Some normal activities were stripped away while others were redesigned to make room for a year of change.

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What a way to start the day! Kim Bus expresses her thoughts about getting up at 4 A.M. on a rainy day at summer band camp. Kim and other members of the marching band endured long all-day practices with little rest.



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Most students thought this year would be just like all the others ... the same old thing!

Expectations for the summer included the normal vacations and trips to the beach. Boy, were they wrong! "I got an unexpected visit from my best friend Cindy this summer," commented Tonya Gibbs. Tonya did not think Cindy would be able to come all the way from California to visit.

The summer was unexpectedly dry. The heat of the summer was an ideal reason for a trip to the beach, a party, or a cookout. But many students toughed out the scorching heat in summer school.

Sweat formed on foreheads while many spectators calmly watched school sports teams practice. The football team, girls' basketball team, and soccer team endured grueling practices during the summer. Other students participated in

As the fairy godmother, Nicole Ciner casts a spell over primary school students during the Halloween day festivities. Herman Burrell and Shannan Gray find Shockoe Slip in Richmond entertaining on a weekend. Their dressy outfits blend with the Tobacco Company's atmosphere. It's up in the air! The audience stands as the excitement builds between the Lady Trojans' # 32, Laurie Allen, as she jumps for the ball between several West Point Pointers. Dressed like a detective, Omar Smith brings his story to life for primary school students during the SCA Reading Fair.

## Is This Real or What?

by Laurie Daugherty  
and Joanne McLaughlin

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## Is This Real or What?

yearbook workshops and band camp, and many took spontaneous road trips to nearby vacation spots.

Just as the fireworks went off in New York to celebrate the Statue of Liberty commemoration, the summer fashions lit up New Kent. Jams were below the knees, and high tops in hot summer colors were the rage.

Students expected the school year to consist of typical rules, clubs, athletic accomplishments, people, and grades. A new year

brought about new additions. "The new tardy policy seemed more strict," said Laura Norris. Fewer tardies resulted in harsher punishments. Students could always be found running through the halls yelling as they passed their friends, "No, I can't talk now. I'll see you later. I've already got two tardies!"

The newest addition was the Art Club. This was New Kent's answer to cultural appreciation of the Fine Arts.

The sports competitions really boosted morale. The

football team's win against West Point was surprising, the first in several years. 1973 was the last year that many yards had been posted. The soccer team's regional championship was also a shocker! That came as a surprise because the new coach, Mr. John Gullick, was able to lead the team to the regional championship.

"I never planned to see a 'B' on my Chemistry report card," Philip Brinkley ecstatically commented. Tina Olgers also boasted, "My grades have been unpredictably good." Then there was always the cry of "Oh no, Mom and Dad are going to kill me when they see this grade."

Teachers have definitely been unpredictable. The many moods may have resulted from the pressure of the school's accreditation evaluation that caused some teacher burnout.

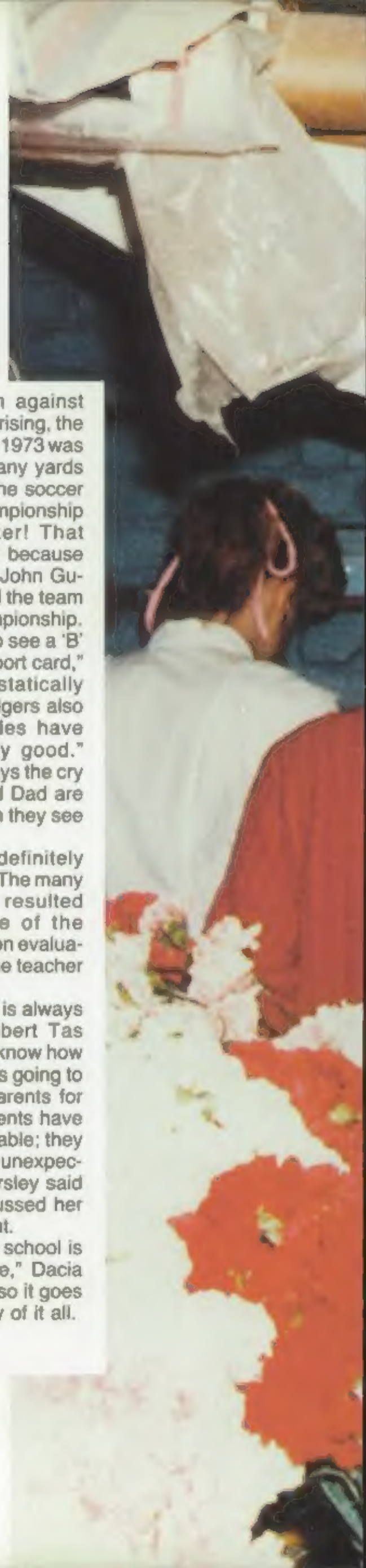
"The opposite sex is always unpredictable," Robert Tas groaned. You never know how that favorite person is going to act, or even your parents for that matter. "My parents have really been unbelievable; they let me do all kinds of unexpected things," Tina Parsley said happily as she discussed her plans for Friday night.

"Life in and out of school is always unpredictable," Dacia Kaye reported. And so it goes ... the unpredictability of it all.



The marching band performed at the Homecoming game during halftime. A much-practiced routine went smoothly preceding the Homecoming court presentations. The small size of the band did not hamper the band's energy and spirit.

Nadine Derowitsch and Melissa Lyon tag flowers in the Student Council room after school. Semi-annual carnation sales during spirit week and Valentine's day week help to raise money for student council activities.









The bonfire after the soccer game brought soccer players as well as the football team, cheerleaders, and other students and fans. Dancing and singing got smiles from everyone. The great turnout assured that future bonfires would help boost spirit.





This table spends their time evaluating what they have just eaten. Even though they joke about the cafeteria food, when they are hungry, even friends are reluctant to share their unch



## Student Life

Most students lead active lives. Besides schoolwork, many are involved in extracurricular activities or jobs. Everyone has a favorite place to go on weekends, and a favorite person to be with. When not with someone special, there are many cliques that hangout together. Vacations brought about a welcome change from the county's rural environment. Dances also added a variation from everyday school life. Prom and graduation, two events which signaled the end of the year, were a welcome sight after making up school days due to inclement weather.

Silhouetted against a building in downtown Richmond, Billy Ernest's punk clothes allow him to blend in with the Shockoe Slip atmosphere.



## Clothes for class

# The New Dress Code

by Nadine Derowitsch

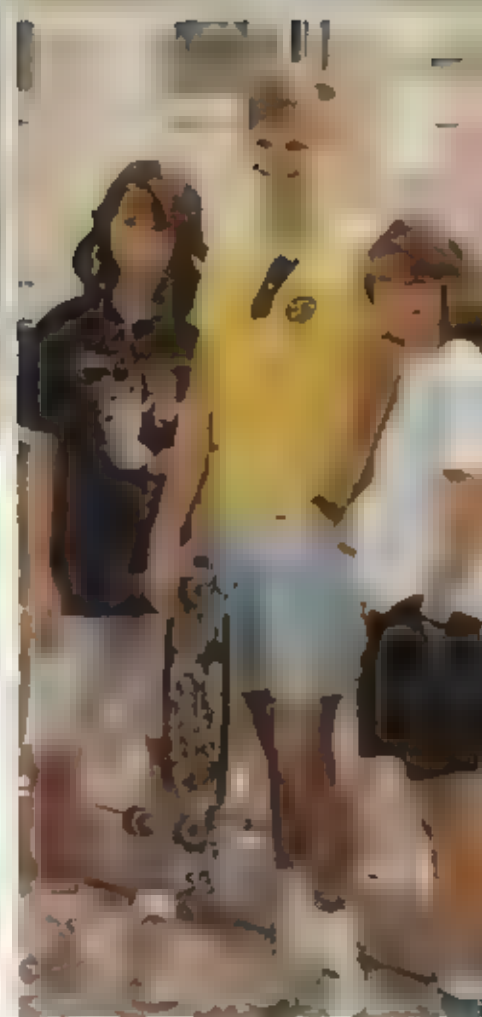
The fashion tastes of students is definitely unpredictable. Whether they were making a statement or just being comfortable, everyone had different ideas about clothing. Bleached jeans were popular with many in the fall. Levi's jeans were the most liked. Susan Waggy said, "I like to wear Levi's jeans, a t-shirt, and cowboy boots. I want to be casual and comfortable." Many girls preferred Guess jeans while

the guys liked the Generra Collection line. Eric Kuester said, "I wear dressy pants along with sweaters." Jams with bright colored designs were seen everywhere in warm weather. Tommy Ellis added, "Everyone wears Jams to get in the mood for the beach." The western look came back for both guys and girls with hats, bolo ties, boots, and full skirts.

Hightops were hot this year in bright, bold colors. Some

other preferred shoes were Reebok, lace-up ankle boots, jazz shoes, and the classic pump for girls.

A salesperson at the Outlets Limited Mall said, "We have had a big boom on jean skirts for girls this year." Jennifer Johnson related the feelings of many, "I like to wear a diversity of styles." This year there was no set trend. Everyone dressed the way he or she wanted to.



Tammy Felts, Ted Wallot, and Carl Trader enjoy the summer at 6th Street Marketplace. Wearing clothes that were light and comfortable kept them cool while shopping and skateboarding.

Wearing casual dressy fall ensembles, Herman Burrell and Shannan Gray enjoy a day in the State Capitol Gardens. Sometimes students prefer dressing up to break the monotony of every day blue jeans.

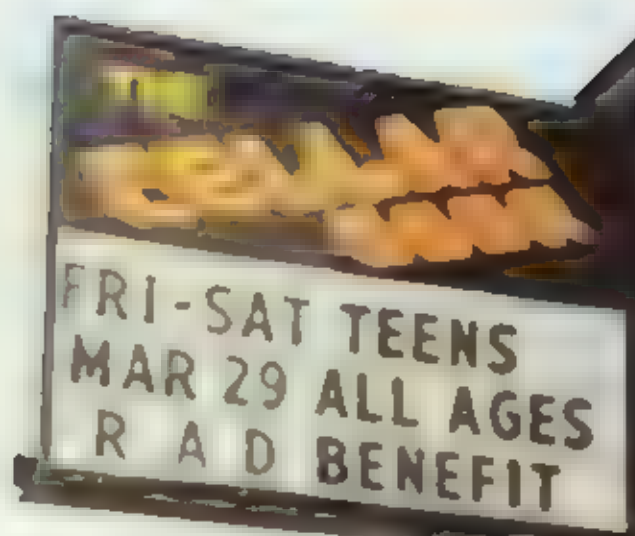




Sharon Capps and Jamie Hanby wear the latest in fashion, necessities for student wardrobes

It appears deserted now, but when the weekend rolls around, many students will visit the Cedar Door. New wave and soul music lovers can be found dancing and socializing here.

A popular hangout, T. Finnegan's appears quiet on the outside. Inside, however, music blares as students dance or talk around the tables to old friends and new acquaintances.





*There's nothing like ...*

## T. Finnegan's, Top 40, Friday Night Bowling, and Home!

by Stephanie Dean and Carly Trader

It's Friday night. Where's the gang going? The school might not be a top choice, but there are many sports to watch. There is always a football game or a soccer match in the fall. When it starts getting colder, sports and sports fans come inside for basketball.

Weekends are for parties and many gather at friends' houses to do that. If a party's out of the question, there's always the movies. "Meet me at the Ridge" is heard through the halls on Friday afternoons. The Midlothian Cinemas are also popular. East of New Kent, Williamsburg has the Martin Twin Cinemas.

Feel like dancin'? Head for

the Cellar Door in Richmond for new wave and soul music. Go to T. Finnegan's for a basic Top 40. Everyone fits in. The Richmond and Hampton Coliseums host a multitude of concerts during the year with the hottest groups. Rockitz, a night club on Broad Street, has all-ages shows for the less-popular, but good rock bands. Bowling is another alternative, with the Williamsburg Bowl in Williamsburg and Eastern Bowl in Sandston. "The last time I went bowling, I made a fool of myself. The ball rolled backwards," said Kathy Farmer.

Shopping appeals to girls and guys alike. "Buying

clothes is the ultimate high," Blair Efrid exclaims. The malls in Richmond include Eastgate, Regency, and Cloverleaf. Also, students hang out at 6th Street Marketplace, Main Street Station, and Carytown.

If clothes don't fit into a student's budget, they may opt for a cassette or poster from Gary's or Peaches, two other great hangouts. In Williamsburg, the recently built Outlet Mall and the Pottery also attract students.

And...if for some reason none of these satisfy, there's always home with family and friends.



Many students frequent Williamsburg Bowl on the weekends. Ann McKeoun, like many others, must travel outside of the county to find entertainment.







*Everybody's favorite sport ...*

## The Dating Game

by Alex Walden

What social activity relieves the monotony of school life? Dating! Ask anybody and you will get that answer.

Dating is a common ground shared by many students. Most of the time, students look for certain character traits in a person before they consider a serious relationship. Cynthia Harper said that she "look(ed) for a good personality in a person who is also attractive." Shawn Gusti looks for the same type of things in a girl. He also likes someone who is fairly sports-minded and who

is appreciative of the time that he and she have together.

Unusual dates were a common topic among students. Cynthia remembers once when her first blind date was with someone she soon learned not to enjoy being with. "He was much different than I expected," she said. Shawn was interested in dating Sallie Davis before she was allowed to go out. After she was allowed to go out, they went to Nada's for a bite to eat. "I played the jukebox the whole night—the same

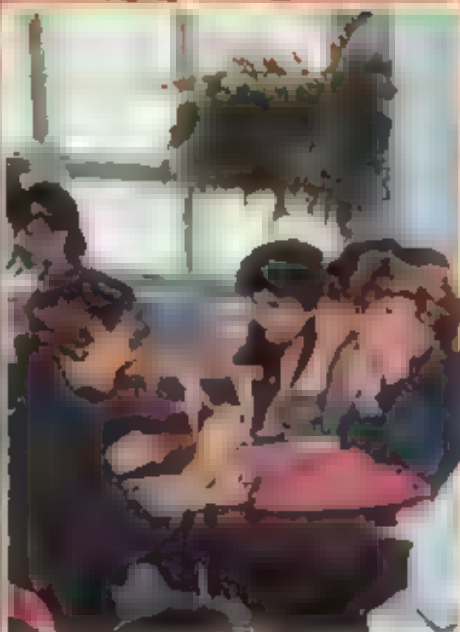
song, in fact." Lisa Tyler changed the subject to comment on her most wonderful date. "I was with two guys, but I was unsure about which one I actually had the date with. I went with both of them."

To most students, personality is the most important feature in a person. But a few other students thought that politeness, courtesy, and intelligence had to be considered. Many students believe that these things allude to creativity in a date.

John Brown and Michele Bush enjoy a milkshake outside of High's Ice Cream in Williamsburg. John and Michele, having dated only a short period of time, enjoy each other's company frequently.

Becky Coates and Jimmy Adams find that a date at home is a relaxing change of pace. Watching TV is an inexpensive way to have fun.





While eating lunch, this group enjoys a joke. Students look forward to lunch as the longest time to socialize with friends who have different schedules



Finishing lunch outside, these guys enjoy the day while catching up on what's going on. Many cliques gather in the courtyard to talk about school and to make plans for the weekend

## Clickety Cliques

by Nadine Derowitsch  
and Brian Hodges

Click...ummm...Not Clique. Cliques. A clique is defined as a small group usually bound together by a common thread of interest. High school students are famous for clique association, but there is one difference in the typical high school and NKHS. You might ask, "What is that difference?" The biggest variation is that here, cliques are permeable. While one may be part of the college-bound academically, they may also be part of the vocational socially

Sound like something new? Not really

There's the rapp clique, the I-don't-want-to-do-anything-today clique, the academic clique, the athletic clique, the I'm-my-own-person clique, and the I'm-in-every-clique clique

So what happens? Well, all through high school we drift in and out of them and then finally after that period of our lives is over, they eventually dissolve. Don't get me wrong. Friends don't die; cliques just mesh





After such a long snowy winter, this group of girls is happy to be eating lunch outside in the sunshine. Warm weather seems to bring out the best in people after having spent the winter months inside cooped up.



Joey Williams gets everybody psyched up for the big Homecoming game against Charles City. The bonfire on Wednesday night inspired everyone for a big win on Friday.

The "awesome" seniors let out a yell for the football team as the players are called out on the field. Raising their arms and their voices, the student body encourages a big win.





*Nothing like a little competition*

# To Bring Out a Lot Of Spirit

by Melissa Lyon

Homecoming was loaded with fun and excitement. Football players and cheerleaders looked forward to Friday night's game against Charles City. The Homecoming committee was busy calculating the ballots for the Homecoming court. The nominees waited anxiously for the final decision. However, the week was mostly noted for the spirit shown among the students. Students were fired up during Spirit Week. Student participation in dress-up days, the mystery teacher contest, daily trivia questions, and the jellybean contest made Spirit Week come alive. According to Jodi Hudson, "The students' spirit was greatly boosted by

the determination to win the Homecoming game."

Spirit Week was held during Homecoming week in order to bring out class competition. Many students participated in the dress-up days, but for many different reasons. Some dressed up just to show school spirit, some to earn points for their class, and some just to get stuffed animals. The dress-up days were Buttons, Shades and Bandanas day, Tacky day, Baby and Pajamas day, The Fifties day, and Sporty Trojans day. Jennifer Johnson thought the funniest day was Baby and Pajamas day. "It was a sight to see a bunch of high school students running around with bottles

and stuffed animals!" "School spirit was most expressed on Sporty Trojans day when the students dressed in their school colors of blue and white," stated Darlene Lyon. One student claimed, "They counted me for Tacky day and I wasn't even dressed up!"

To make Spirit Week more exciting, the SCA sponsored a bonfire after the soccer game Wednesday night. This was a first for the school. "The bonfire was a great idea and a great success," stated Whitney Sulcer. Another fun event before the Game was the delivery of carnations on Homecoming day. Nadine Derowitsch said, "The spirit increased with the delivery of

the flowers." The spirit games helped prepare students for the game ahead. "They were a lot of fun and brought out a lot of school spirit," said Sandy Tyrone.

The football game built up the tension between the nominees for the Homecoming court. As Ted Wallof was crowned king, cheers were brought from the bleachers. When the Homecoming queen was announced, victorious Nicole Ciner was all smiles. The victory was celebrated at the Homecoming dance after the game.



Ted Wallof and Nicole Ciner stand happily after being crowned Homecoming king and queen. After the game, the SCA rolled out the red carpet for the new king and queen at the Homecoming dance.

During the Homecoming football game, the Trojans recover the ball. Hard work and fast motions were necessary to win the game.

# Hair today is gone tomorrow Don't Get Too Attached!

by Carly Trader

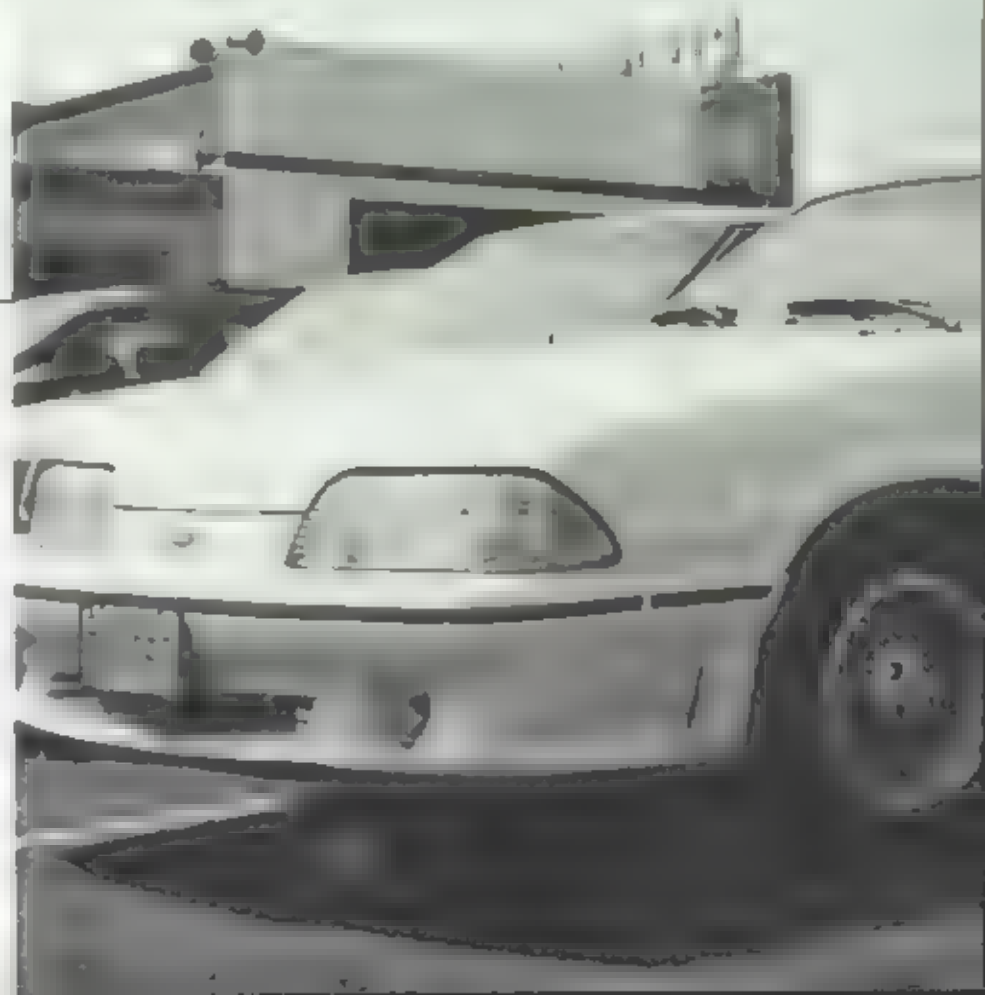
What's hot for '86-'87?

Favorite restaurant—Captain George's  
Favorite fast food—pizza  
Favorite soft drink—Coke  
Favorite hangout—T. Finnegan's  
Favorite music—Pop/Rock  
Favorite vocalist—Janet Jackson  
Favorite group—U2  
Favorite album—"Joshua Tree" by U2  
Favorite song—"Always" by Atlantic Starr  
Favorite movie—Top Gun  
Favorite actor—Tom Cruise  
Favorite actress—Cybil Shephard  
Favorite T. V. show—Moonlighting  
Favorite brand name—Levi Straus  
Favorite shoe—Reebok  
Favorite car—1987 Ford Mustang GT  
Favorite hobby—swimming

There were a lot of new trends this year that made school a little more exciting. Many guys had the "staircase" hairstyle while the girls opted for the "bob" cut. The trendy students preferred Bon Jovi, the Beastie Boys, and U2 as their favorite rock groups. More students were seen eating salads and yogurt in the cafeteria, as eating light became popular. Carly Trader said "SoHo sodas are yum!" and Tammy Felts added, "But I just love AJ's butter pecan ice cream in a waffle cone." Junk food had a spot on everybody's favorite food list. This year was one of the best for school candy sales. The sophomore class sold hard candies. The SCA sold M&M's and other chocolate candies, the junior class sold these also in addition to Gummi Bears

The girls' softball and tennis teams sold candy bars to make money

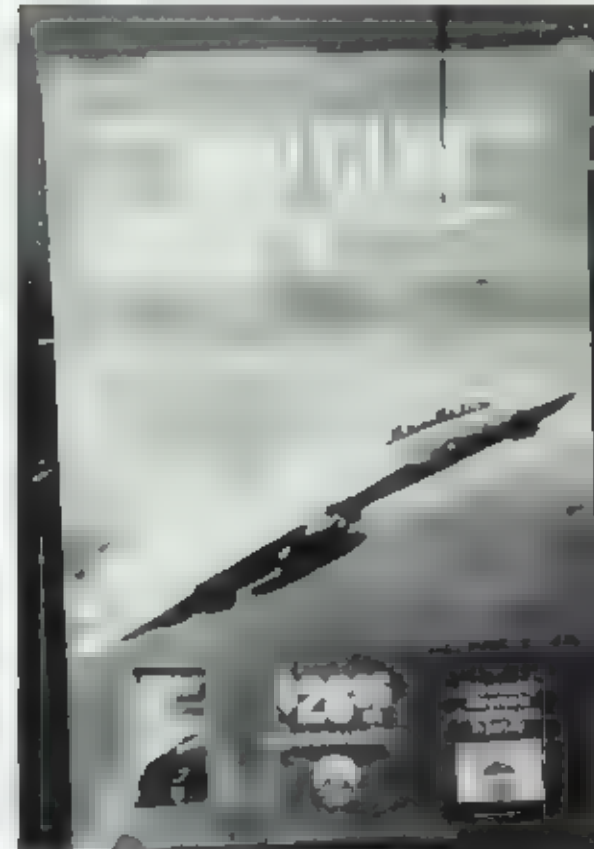
Increased exercising kept many students in shape. Activities included jogging, weight lifting, and aerobics. Another new fad was wearing hand-braided bracelets and anklets. Guys and girls both wore these, a trend picked up from the beach, and many students could make their own. Another habit that was taken up was skateboarding. This tricky sport was and is enjoyed by a lot of teenagers. Personalized license plates, solid-color jeans, boxer shorts, tie-dyed t-shirts, big hair bows, and low ponytails for girls and hanging out at teen night clubs were among the favorites for our trendy students







Both Williamsburg and Richmond offer Captain George's. Many students dine there because of the good food and the fairly reasonable prices.



We were the big spenders that made Top Gun one of the highest grossing movies of the year. Most students saw the movie at least once, but many frequented the theatres to see repeat performances by Tom Cruise.



Our favorite car for 1987? Ford's Mustang GT, of course. However, of the students polled, most favored the color black.

Pizza Hut. Nada's, Little Ceasar's, and Dominos were the most frequented places for our favorite fast food—PIZZA!

*When the summer just got started*

## What Were We Doing Here?

by Stephanie Dean and Carly Trader

Who wants to come to school in early August? No one wanted to, but many students fell victim to summer sports practices, band camp, and yearbook workshops.

Summer SCA volunteers made signs to help alleviate confusion for new students on the first day of school. Year-

book staffers spent three full days in a hot classroom making plans for the coming year. The first week long summer band camp was held for old members and new recruits.

Varsity and j.v. cheering squads practiced on routines for upcoming games. Karen Uhler said, "We got a lot

accomplished. We needed the practice." Soccer practice with the new coach Mr. Gulch was held in the grueling heat along with varsity and j.v. football practice.

We all sweated it out sports teams, organizations and teachers, as well!



During the summer, Pat Atkins worked as a guidance assistant. Her jobs included answering the phone as well as working out schedules. Many students came to Pat and other assistants for help on their schedules.

Running onto the court, Buffy Jones passes a ball before a summer practice. Staying inside was difficult when the sun was out, but the dedicated players roughed it out anyway.

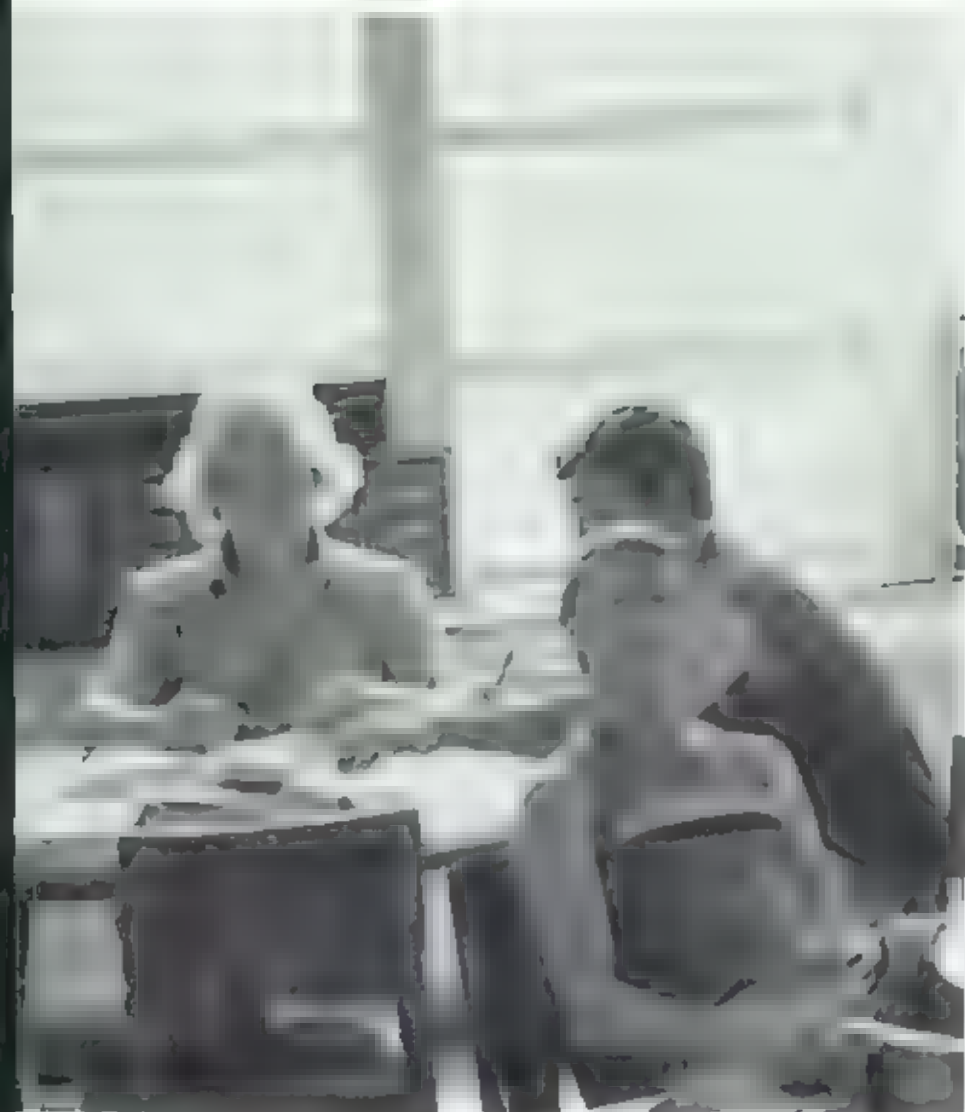


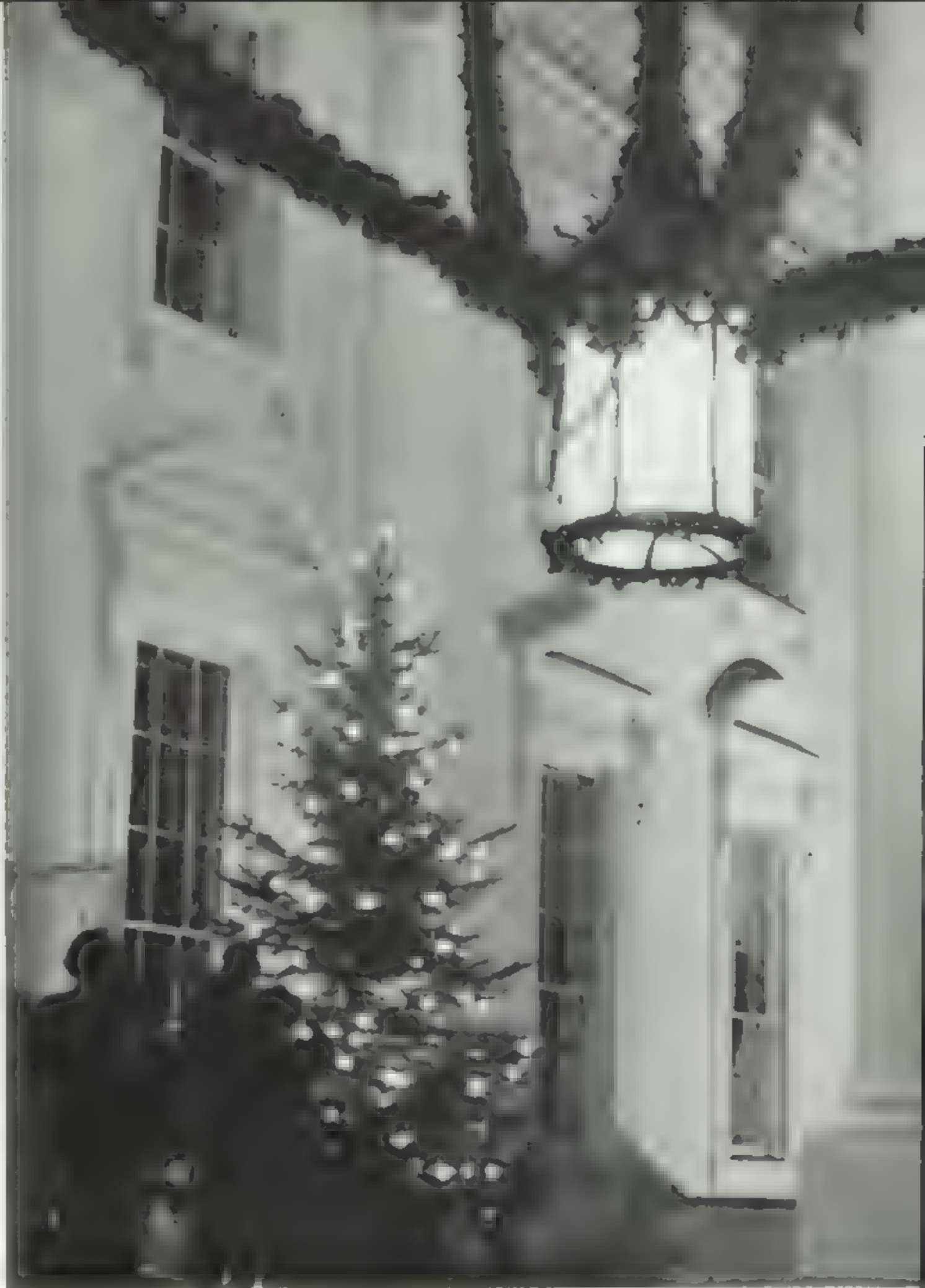




Spending their summer in school Benny Bennett, Dennis Shillelt, and Victor Kusterer sweat it out in the sweltering library due to a malfunctioning air conditioner

While at band camp this summer members of the marching band practice anywhere, even in the middle of a driveway Ms. West teaches the percussion section rhythm methods to marching band music





Trips to nearby places such as Washington, D.C. during the Christmas season proved to be fun for several students. Candlelight tours of the White House were unusual as the Presidential residence served as a reminder of the meaning of the Christmas.

John Moore and his family visited Disney World in Kissimmee, Florida during the month of May. After being in the sun for the week, John came back to school as the envy of many of his friends.



*Trippin...!*

# How much longer?!

by Carly Trader

There are many kinds of trips in this world. There are funny people trips and there are field trips. But that's not what this story is about. This story is about some trips students made before, during, and after the school year.

Nadine Derowitsch vacationed in Florida during the Christmas holidays. Staying with relatives, Nadine and her family visited Disneyworld in shorts while many students shoveled snow at home. Nadine also went swimming and returned to school with the darkest tan east of the Pecos.

Joanne McLaughlin went on a tour of the East Coast after school was out in July. Among

the many stops on her trip were Hersheyworld, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York City, and Niagara Falls, Canada. Taking a vacation proved to be necessary for many students.

Kathy Smith spent her spring break in New York with relatives. She rode the subway and saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time as well as meeting relatives she had never met before.

Tonya Gibbs made a trip to California to see a friend she hadn't seen in a long time.

But these weren't the only trips. Others went on trips to nearby vacation spots such as Virginia Beach, Washington,

D. C., Charlottesville, Nags Head, and other nearby hot spots.

So what was so wonderful about all of these trips? They were all away from New Kent and the usual school and social lives that we all know and love. Without these outlets we would go totally bananas. Many students took frequent quick trips to the beaches for a quick fix of sun and fun. As soon as spring hit, we all left. "It was too much to handle," one student commented. "We needed the break from the monotony. Thanks to the lack of our week long spring break, weekends became our own free time."





Charlie Martin and Ray Adkins try out various positions for the garden chair used for a prop for prom pictures. Several juniors spent the entire day of the prom at the Williamsburg Sheraton Patriot Inn decorating for the big event that was later that night.

Almost all prom couples participated in the garter ceremony. The guys took the garter off their dates legs and then put it over their tuxedo sleeve above their bows. Many had never been to a formal event before, so this was their first experience at such an occasion.







Charles Jones and his date, Nicole Adkins, planned this evening far in advance. Their enjoyable evening proved that planning was a necessity for things to go well.

Darrell Nelson of Lifetouch Photography helps Lisha Street and her date, Lynell Christian, pose for prom pictures. Most couples purchased the pictures, which were an inexpensive way to remember their special night.



*These dreams...they really came true*

## Exhausted, but Not Too Exhausted

by Allison Smith

So, what happened this year? The prom. I mean it was great! Not that it was bad before, but everybody was here. And those dances. Lots of people showed up for almost every one of them.

From the sounds of U2 to Jon Jovi to Madonna. We heard them all. Whether they were CD's played by DJ's or whether those hits were performed by Street Life, the band that performed at the prom, they were all great.

Sonic Sound was the DJ that outperformed himself at the ring and yearbook dances. We had everything that we

liked. Rings turned, yearbooks signed, lots of dancing, and lots of socializing. "Hey, wanna dance?" was heard repeatedly dance after dance, song after song. Some found only slow dancing romantic enough for that special date, and others found that group dancing, with guys and girls alike, heightened the enthusiasm of the night.

Football games were a great prelude to a dance. Sweat dripping, out of breath, but still dancing to the heavy beat. It didn't matter that the heat during a football game made students exhausted

They never seemed too exhausted to stop dancing for a break. Those marathoners kept the beat and their friends going almost all night.

Getting a class ring added to the stigma of "almost becoming a senior". And the dance was a perfect place to make sure that everyone knew that you had one.

Although no stigma was attached to a yearbook, having that precious asset ensured that each student would be able to relive that previous year again and again. Signatures only added to memories that were less than twelve,

## Exhausted...

five, or even three months old Fall and winter holidays and events eventually exhausted reasons for clubs to sponsor dances. But spring was near and the prom was only several months off.

"Michelle, d-do you h-have a d-d-d-date for the p-p-prom, yet?" he asked nervously. "No, I don't," she responded with a flair of hope. "Well, w-would you go with me?—I mean, it's not serious, or anything .. just as friends?" Well, she did go, and maybe it didn't start out as serious, but eventually they did start dating. And then the prom came. And they

went.

While many guys were asking for dates as early as February, the prom committee started preparing for "These Dreams". And dreams they were. Street Life, the band hired for the prom turned out to be the best one yet. Events at the prom were designed so well that the evening turned out to be enjoyable for even the shyest person and their date.

"What do we do?" Those garters were hard to get off of those legs. Blushing faces and embarrassed looks gave way to sighs of relief after those

garters were finally in a fixed position—on the arm, over the tux sleeve.

Crowning the Prom Court has been a traditional highlight over the years. Beth Adkins and Moses Upshaw, queen and king, respectively, joined princess Stephanie Dean and prince Philip Brinkley in the traditional court dance. Even though traditional in nature, unpredictability reigned when Stephanie's crown slipped off of her head onto the floor. "I guess that was just one of those moments," she claimed. Unpredictability had the floor



Dances sometimes spotlight students who managed to learn the latest step(s) from New York. The yearbook dance and the ring dance were the most successful dances of the year with a turnout of over 300 students.

Sonic Sound provided the latest music for several dances. Students sometimes requested special songs for that special person. Slow dancing was as appreciated as much as fast dancing.







Dancing in groups was a popular way to dance. Theresa McLaughlin gave up her date, Chip Leftwich, so that her friends, Valerie Thompson and Ellen and Vicki Couch could enjoy one dance with him.

Prom Queen Beth Adkins and Prom King Moses Upshaw dance together for just one special dance of the night. The king and queen elections were limited to Seniors only, the week before the prom.



Marching to 'Pomp and Circumstance' was an awkward experience for most graduates. To see friends marching into the gym was a sentimental journey for even male graduates. This would be one of the last times this class would ever be together in its entirety.

It's Barbara Foley night! Winning this award as 'Most Outstanding Senior' was an unexpected surprise to Barbara. Barbara accepted more awards at this graduation than any other graduate in many years.



## Humidity and rain

# It's Over!

by Allison Smith

The thick of the heat only added to the anxiously awaiting groups of people in the stands. Due to the threat of late spring showers, graduation had become an indoor event as of late afternoon, June 10, 1987. The last row of names was called. It was all over. With soaking shirts and dresses, parents and friends alike gathered around suffocating graduates to extend their congratulations on their last thirteen years of work.

"This year is a landmark year," commented Mr. Alexander. During his congratulatory speech to graduates, he recalled the fact that this year is the first year that a graduating class had attended all four county schools.

Tears were indistinguishable

from perspiration as the ceremony progressed. Traditional songs sung by the choir and "Pomp and Circumstance" performed by the band were several things that made this special, but humid night a memorable one. Valedictorian Mike Gephart and Salutatorian Ashley Harwood relived high school and charged all graduates to press on toward predestined goals. Cheers and tears marked not the end of an era, but the beginning of long lives of happiness and success. Yes, we were saddened by the exit of so many of our friends, but life goes on, unpredictable as it is, enabling those remaining to take advantage of the present time, enjoying it in preparation for the future.







Sweltering heat kept many guests preoccupied with their comfort. Notice the lady in the background attempting to block out the thickness that the humidity produced by taking a short nap.

With a sigh of relief and a smile on her face, Patricia Moran moves her tassel to the other side of her cap, signifying the completion of her graduation from high school. Many others celebrated their joy by tossing caps into the air after the last name was called.

Eric Kuester gets ready to strike out another opponent. After school practices everyday helped the baseball team to improve their skills and improve their scores







Eric Pignatore is all smiles as the varsity football team takes the lead. Even on cold winter nights, the team had a lot to sweat out when the score was close.

## Sports

Athletes' lives are difficult to predict. In addition to student responsibilities, athletes have to endure long grueling practices with no guarantee that a game or match will be won. Additionally, athletes find that popularity may be contingent on success as team players. Athletic teams proved this to be true. Unfortunately, several teams were unable to consistently hold their titles while others captured championships.

Kelly Chestnut, Robert Tas, and Coach Gulick reflect in happiness on a well-deserved victory. The regional tournament's finally over, the entire soccer team enjoys the regional championship title

SCOREBOARD		
2	Essex	1
1	Middlesex	2
5	Lancaster	3
4	King William	0
4	Middlesex	1
2	Essex	0
5	King William	0
5	Lancaster	0
1	West Point	0
0	Walsingham	2
2	West Point	0
2	Christchurch	2
Regionals		
2	Middlesex	1
5	Essex	1



Front row—Clay Smith, Omar Smith, Charles Martin, Tommy Ellis, Ted Walkof, David Wagner, Geoff Haden, Deborah Ellis, Mike Trader, Ken Fisher, Mike Foley, Scott Drapeau  
Back row—Brian Farness, Carly Trader, Michelle Poff, Dawn Schultz, Robert Ellyson, Philip Brinkley, Brian Hodges, Kelly Chestnut, Mr. Gulick, Robert Tas, Craig Aliff, Teresa Pollack, Chris Geron, David Blount, Barbara Foley







*The postman didn't deliver this one*

## A Corner Kick to Victory

by Brian Hodges

What delivers through heat, sleet, snow, and rain? Not the postman. The New Kent soccer team proved again and again that they could deliver victories in any climate. The Region A crown was once again captured by the Trojans, marking the third time in four years. The championship was captured through blood, sweat, and tears as the team sweated out a 2-1 victory against Essex at the start of

the season. After this slim victory, rookie coach John Gulick regrouped his team only to find themselves defeated three days later at Middlesex. But revenge was sweet as the team found themselves in the semifinals against Middlesex. In the first half, New Kent watched themselves in a daze as Middlesex jumped to a one-nothing lead at the half. Coach Gulick looked to his team to dig deep and dig

they did as Philip Brinkley and Tommy Ellis combined for two goals and the roll was started. The finals were a continuous roll. Essex stood in awe as New Kent never gave them a chance to touch the ball. The team ripped Essex up tenaciously 5-1. An unpredictably great season for the rookie coach and his experienced team gave the whole school something to cheer about

Philip Brinkley, #5, aims for the goal before scoring against Essex. The soccer team beat Essex three times, including the finals of the regional tournament.



As a Middlesex opponent comes from behind, Kelly Thastnut prepares to head the ball downfield and toward the other goal. Teamwork was a key element of the soccer team's success.

## *Down, set, fight* **Friday Night Follies**

by Shawn Gusti

The football team had a lot of things to do before a big game. Thursday practices were the hardest of the week. Players prepared themselves mentally and physically for Friday night's standoff. After Coach Allen's instructions for a good night's sleep Thursday night, one could only wonder if the team would pull through the next night.

Fridays at school were full of intensity. With paper footballs made by cheerleaders pinned on every player's back, enthusiasm abounded in the school. After school, the players either studied plays of previous games or went home to psych themselves up. Rap music was one of many sources to help players get psyched.

Students and parents came to see the games. Filling the bleachers, spectators watched the playing field with almost

breathless intensity. For those fans who knew nothing about the game, they continued to spot the ever-lit scoreboard at the end of the field.

Halftime shows consisted of routines rehearsed by band members and cheerleaders. The team planned strategies to aid them in the take-over of their opponents. The final outcome of the game predicted enthusiastic fans' emotions. Consolations or cheers of victory filled the air.

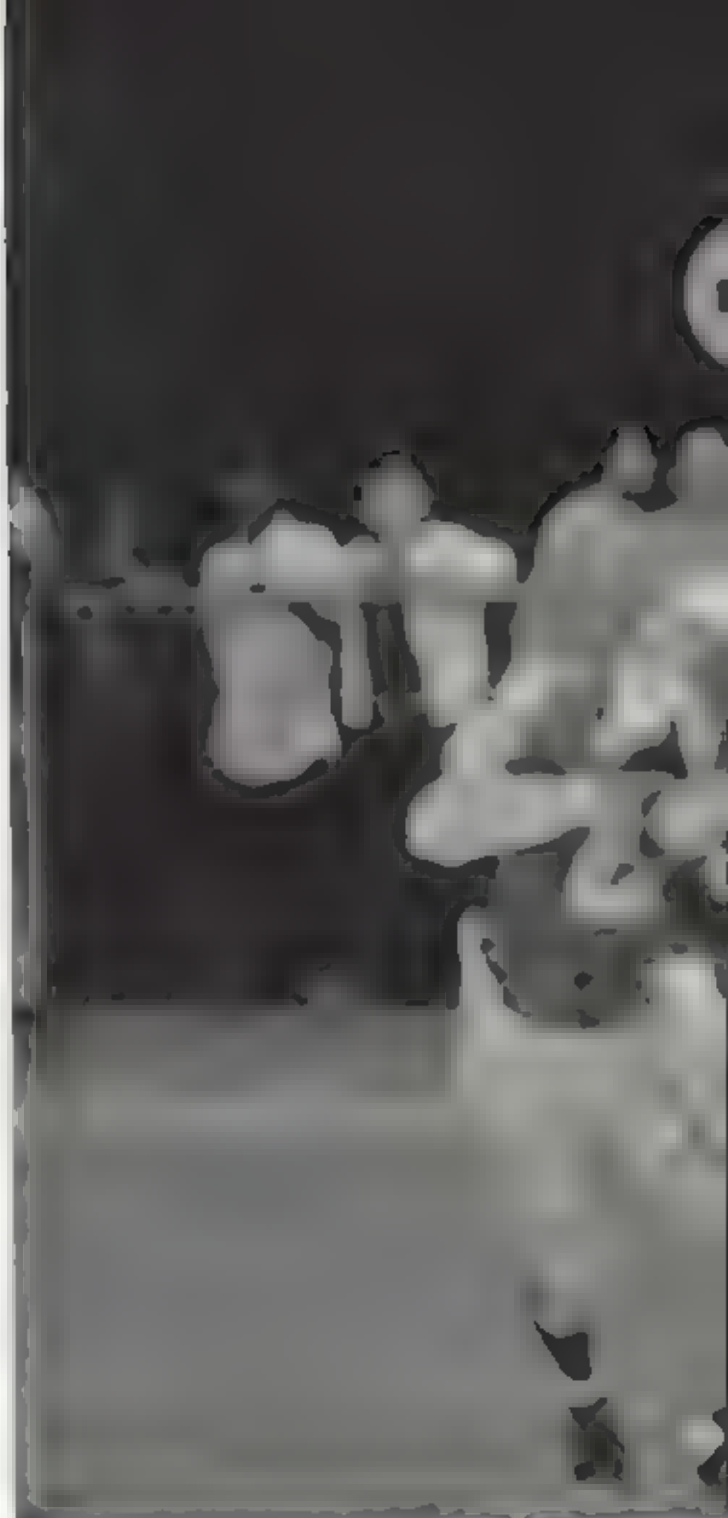
The season was a fairly successful one. With a giant victory over Middlesex lead-

ing the season, the team continued to win games against opponents such as Windsor, King & Queen, Charles City, and the arch rival, West Point. With over 3000 rushing yards, 1000 yards and six touchdowns on punt returns alone the team enjoyed a record of 6-4, with a district record of 3-2. After a successful season, several players were recognized for outstanding contributions to the team. These included the MVP's: Shawn Gusti, offense, and Craig Smith, defense.



Taking a break from the action, Scott Cowles and the other teammates watch the field. Even when not playing, sidelined Trojans cheer the team on.

Clifford Hughes, # 49 escapes opponents to carry the ball toward the end zone. Offensive players are responsible for scoring, while the defense makes tackles.







Trojan defense stops Charles City short of a first down. Homecoming was a 14-8 victory over the Panthers

### SCOREBOARD

0	Lancaster	21
6	Matthews	17
29	Middlesex	22
14	Windsor	6
15	Suffolk	28
2	Surry	15
29	Nandua	6
14	Charles City	6
41	King and Queen	8
19	West Point	3



Front row—Eric Kuester, Kenny Rankin, Dennis Shiflett, Andy Alford, Joey Williams, Rusty Smith, Tracy Brown, Clifford Hughes, Norman Batkins, Mark Frye Second row—Eric Pignatore, Brian Campbell, Chris Kagey, Tyrone Atkins, Scott Wood, Russell Holder, Scott Cowles, Ryan Kuester, Dion Akrie, Joe Brown, David Jones, Taylor Moore Back row—Troy Layman, William Jennings, Josh Haithcock, William Manning, Todd Curle, Shawn Gusti, Robbie Hogge, Troy Randall, Craig Smith, Chris Macon, Elmore Holmes, Chip Leftwich

## Kick, punt, and pass A Few Yards to Success

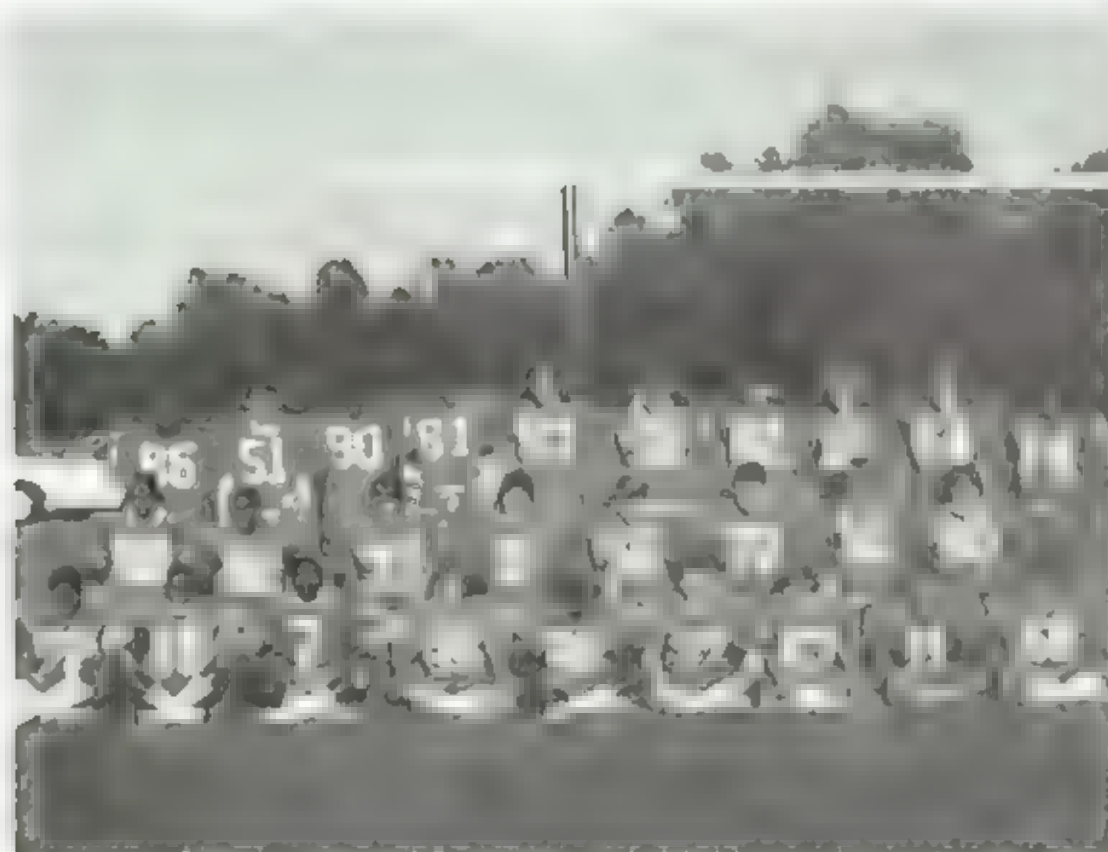
by Carly Trader

Surprising is one way to describe the j.v. football team's outstanding season. Being almost undefeated came as a shock to the team as well as to the coaches, Mr. Faison and Mr. Michael.

Practices over the summer and into the fall proved to spur the players on to victory in practically every game. Running sprints and repeating

drills taught the team the necessities of a winning game strategy.

Usually j.v. football takes second billing to varsity, but their extraordinary playing ability and actions enabled a new recognition for the underclassmen. Hopefully, this year was just a starting point for more great seasons to come.



Front row—William Crump, Price James, Bobby Collins, Gene Torrence, James Smith, Kevin Wood, John Wooten, Andy Alford, Johnny Gregory. Second row—Jamie Abrams, Jonathan Minor, Duane Chisenhall, Dusty Lamm, Burt Torrence, Scott Cowles, Marshall Tetterton, Chad T aylor. Back row—Sean Simms, Chris Smith, Corey Crump, Maurice Christian, Stan Harrell, Dennis Cagwin, Brian Evans, Ryan Kuester, Kirk Godsey, Gerard Taylor.



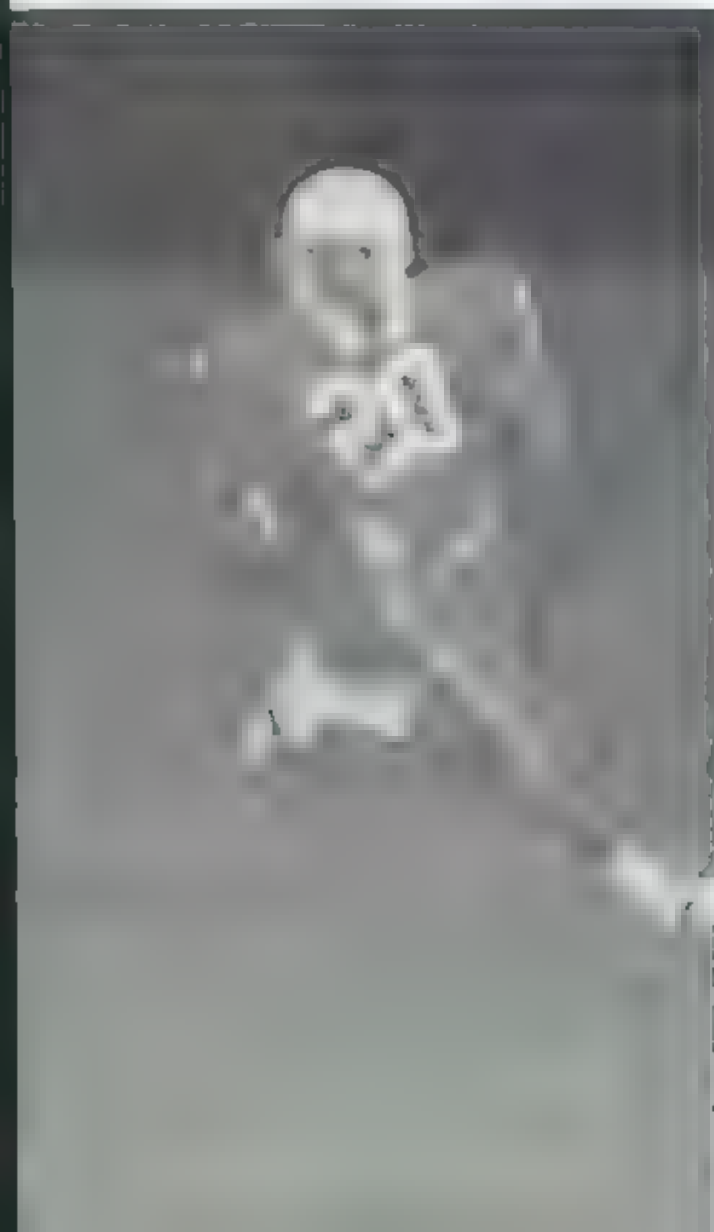




The whole team celebrates a touchdown as the other team looks on in exasperation. Congratulating each other put confidence in every player's ability.

#### SCOREBOARD

8	Middlesex	7
36	West Point	6
22	Charles City	6
30	Windsor	0
8	Suffolk	6
18	Surry	6
36	West Point	6



Bobby Collins guards Jonathan Minor as he runs for a touchdown. The j.v. team's winning season was made possible by smooth plays like these.

The opponent has no chance as the New Kent defense cuts off all escapes. The defense team was especially effective this year in keeping the Trojan end zone empty.

*When the going gets tough*

## The Tough Start Swinging

by Charlie Martin

Golf is an exciting sport for all ages. It is challenging both mentally and physically. The object of the game is basically simple, but on the contrary, it is difficult. Golf is one of the most frustrating sports invented. Sometimes the ball seems to have a mind of its own, and

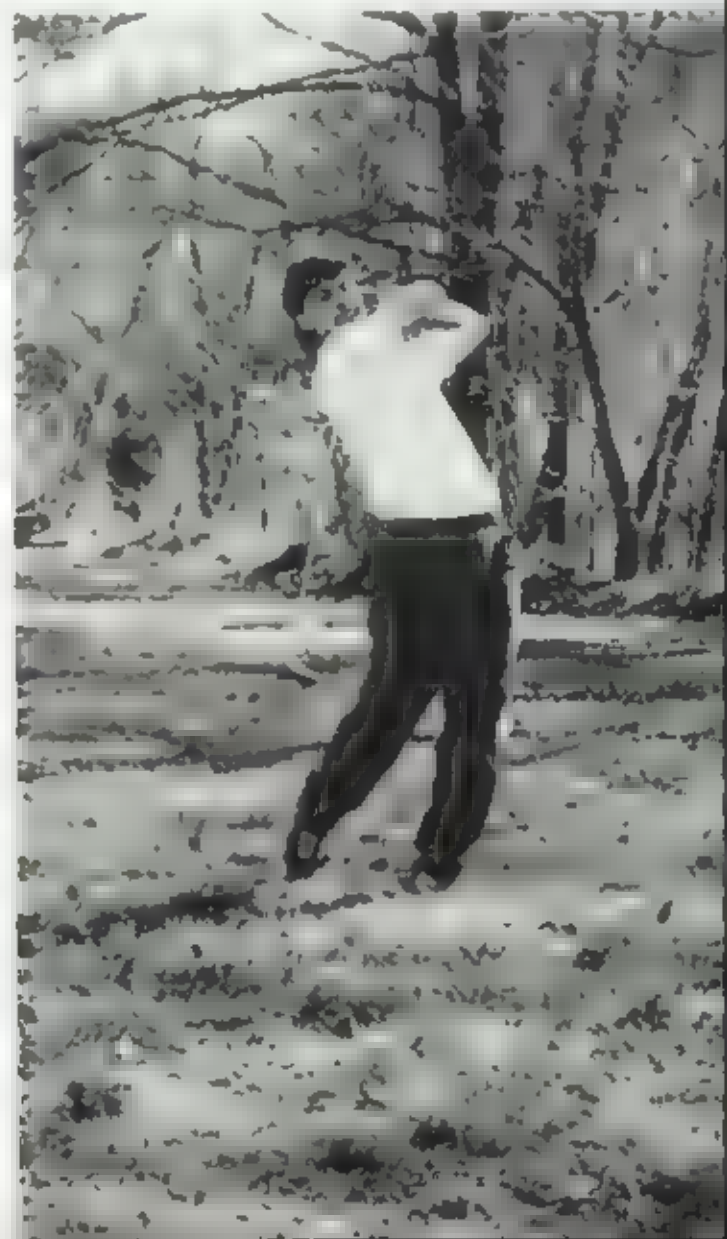
will land in all kinds of nice places, like behind a tree, in a pond, or under a bush.

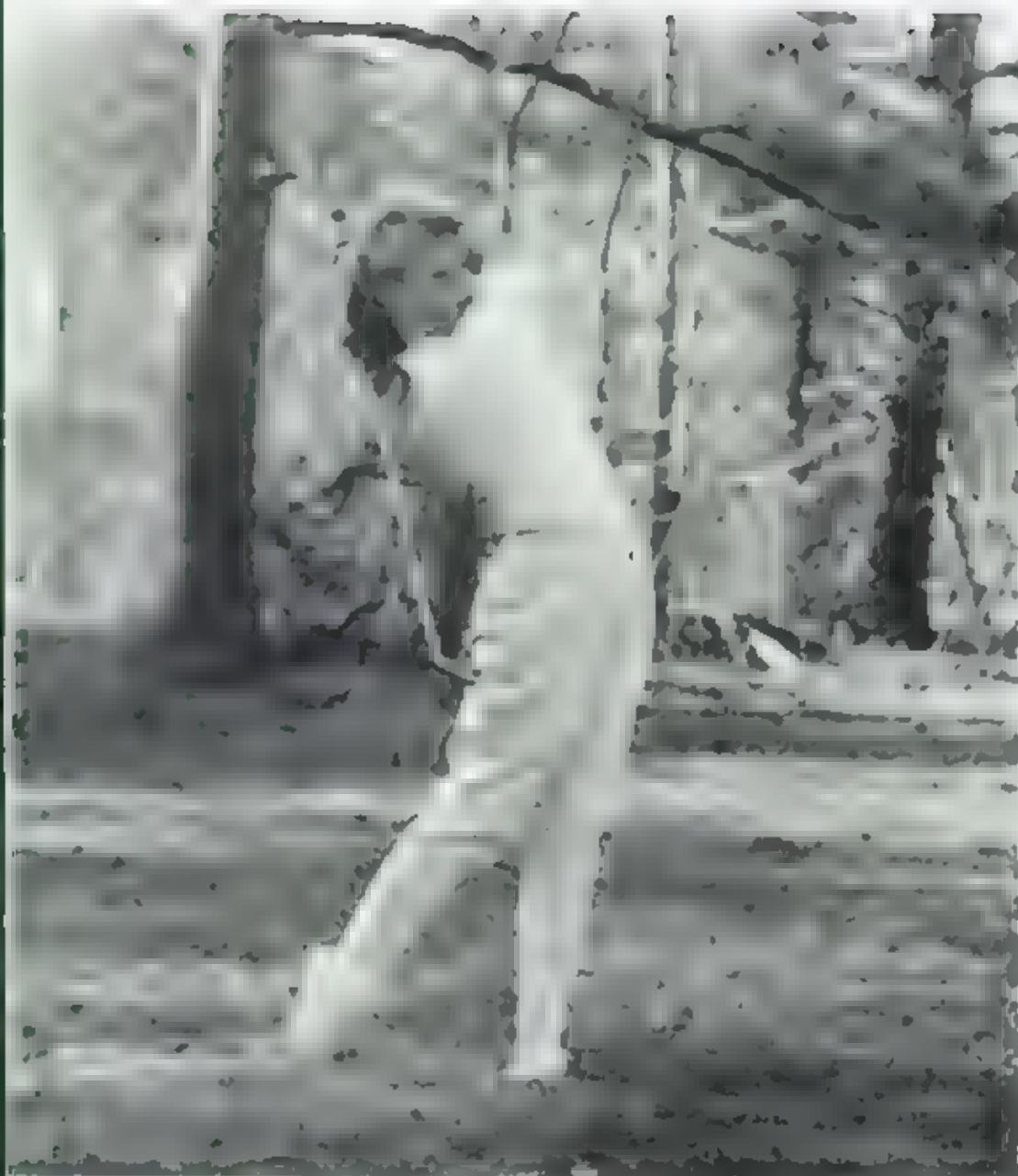
A golf match consists of playing eighteen holes and whoever has the lowest total score wins. Golf is a very popular sport throughout the world. In our area

there are many fine courses where one can try his luck in golf.

One of the playing courses is Brookwood Golf Course, located in Five Lakes. The golf team played home matches at this course. One advantage of being on the team is to ex-

perience playing on different courses. Charles Bowery also felt this way. "The matches were fun because we got to travel to different places and experience different terrains on various courses."





Kim Peddicord shows her style on the course. Being the first girl to join the golf team Kim proves she is just as capable as the other members

Bryan Evans gets ready to tee off at Brookwood Golf Course. Being in the proper stance adds power to the swing and makes the ball go farther



Front Row Michael Marks, Charles Bowery, Danny Cagwin, Bryan Evans. Back Row Kim Peddicord, John Moore, Scott Lipscomb, Eric Epperly

Following through after a swing, John Moore watches the ball land on the green. Golfing requires skill to keep the ball on course and patience to keep cool when it doesn't



# Bouncing Their Way to the Top

by Carly Trader

Two weeks before school started, the varsity girls' basketball team wasn't thinking of Regionals.

But suffering through long, hot practices in the gym during the summer and after school paid off. The team's determination paid off when they made their way to the Regional playoffs. The Lady

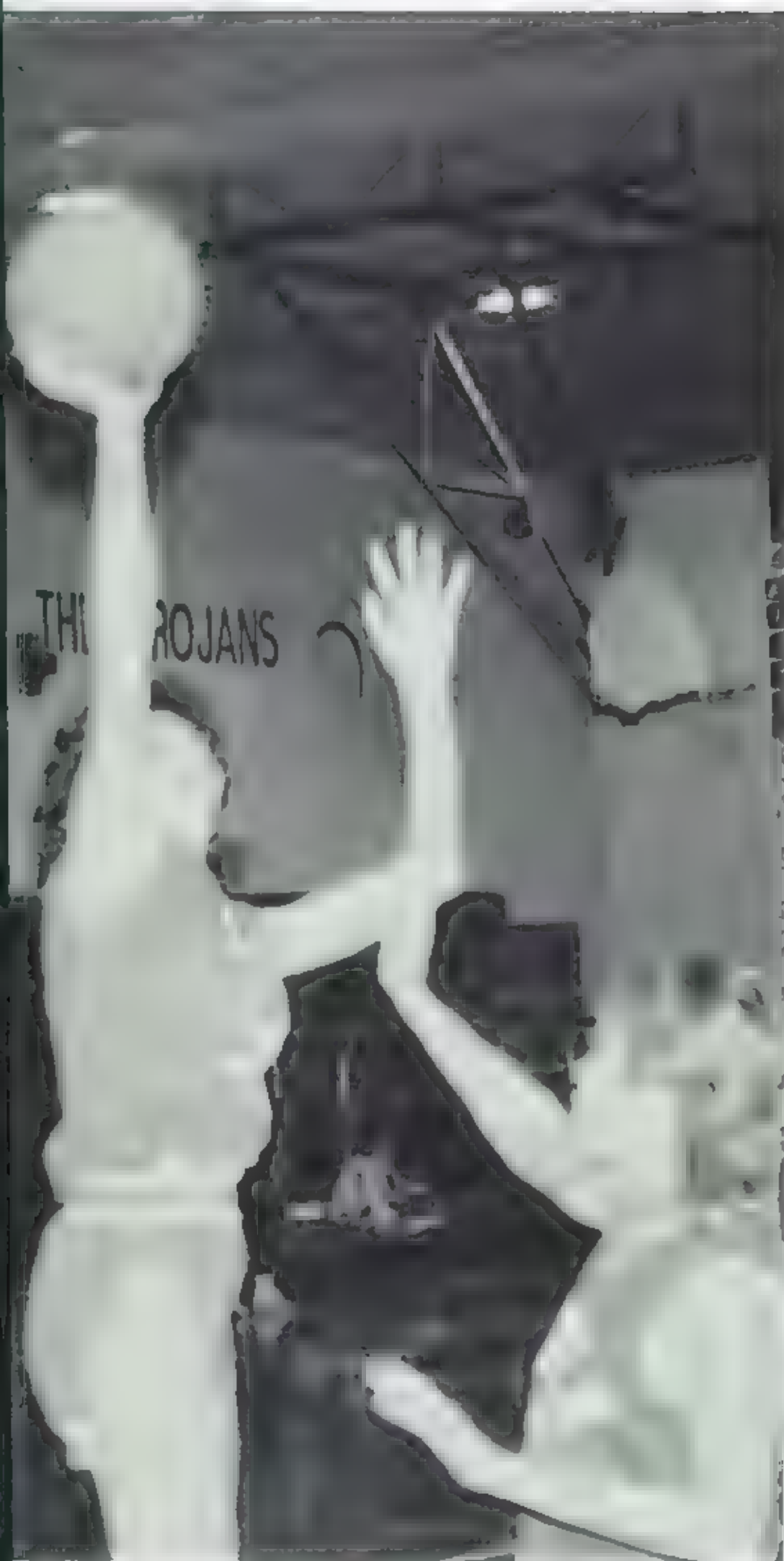
Trojans' entry came as a surprise to them as well as several opposing teams. Another thrill was the girls' win over arch rival West Point. This victory gave Coach Dolan his 100th win in girls' basketball. Junior Sherri Torrence said, "giving Coach Dolan his 100th win was the highlight of the season."



Front row—Amy Adams, Lisa McGoniga. Back row—Sue Brown, Tonya Winston, Laurie Allen, Anissa Jones, Sherri Torrence, Deborah Washington, Heather Beverage, Nina Mae Burrell

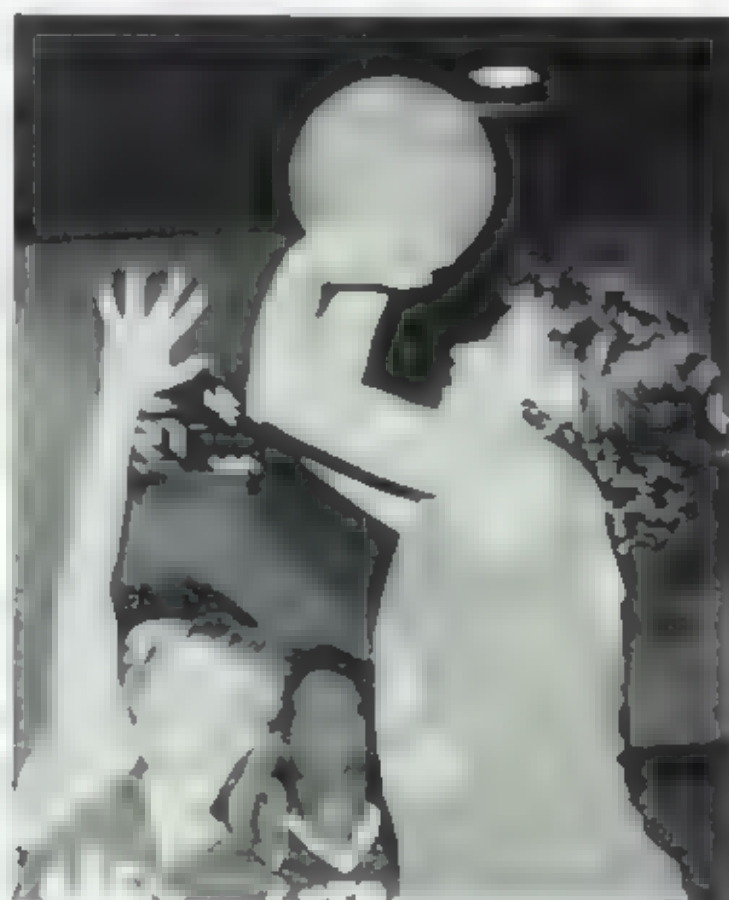
Varsity girls basketball practices helped Anissa Jones work on her foul shot. Amy Adams, Sue Brown, and Tonya Winston wait for their turn at shooting.





### SCOREBOARD

55	King William	33
47	Suffolk	38
56	Surry	28
70	Charles City	23
38	Windsor	37
38	West Point	47
44	King and Queen	45
48	Suffolk	44
45	Surry	14
65	Charles City	17
42	Windsor	33
29	West Point	48
35	King and Queen	55
38	Suffolk	16
35	King and Queen	43
44	West Point	36



Lisa McGonigal goes for a one-handed lay-up while trying to be stopped by the Suffolk girls. The game's high intensity action did not phase Lisa as she tries for a goal.

Heather Beverage shoots above the Suffolk team as she aims for the goal. Being pursued by a strong defense, determination helped her to reach over outstretched arms to score for the team.

*Just about*

## Almost Half-time

by Allison Smith

With an overall record of 5-6, disappointment was evident among team members and fans alike. But not all was lost. "Finishing the season winning almost half of our games wasn't too bad," one girls basketball team member commented. She, like most of the others, was thankful that with such an inexperienced team, they finished as well as

they did.

And what better way to prepare these players for the big time of varsity basketball? With so much time, energy, and determination, these girls sought out to conquer Essex, King and Queen, and even West Point rivals. In just a few short months, they'll be ready to go again, winning games like never before.



Front row—Alisa Boroughs, Kerri Cobb, Shannon Smith, Kecia Ormond, Jenny Hague, Nikki Johnson. Back row—Tammy Felts, Cheryl Holmes, Synada Jones, Melissa Felts, Roxanne Bowery.





### SCOREBOARD

23	Essex	8
14	Middlesex	19
26	Surry	22
14	West Point	22
23	King and Queen	4
34	Essex	41
14	Surry	25
19	Mathews	24
26	West Point	18
28	King and Queen	11
23	Middlesex	33



As West Point's defense persists, Cheryl Holmes holds tough. Her desire to get the ball beyond the grasp of her opponent is enough for her to persist.

Melissa Felts runs quickly ready to shoot. Her good aim and coordination have enabled her to score a number of points for the team.

## *We represent New Kent* **In a Dynamite Way**

by Anne Gregory

Who says cheerleaders don't work hard? The fall and winter squads cheered on the football and basketball teams and also helped pep up the soccer team. Cheerleaders worked hard to encourage the teams when losing and to share the victory when winning.

Highlights that the cheerleaders re-

member best include the football team's victory over King and Queen. The new white and blue pleated skirts were a welcome change from the old uniforms. The winter cheerleaders practiced hard for the cheering competition held at West Point High School. They placed second, losing to West Point by only

one point. A victory celebration provided by the Athletic Department was a well-deserved feast at Anna's Pizza after the competition. The cheerleaders took pride in their teams and the school. Cynthia Harper summed it up by saying, "It was a fun and enlightening experience."



**FALL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Front row: Anne Gregory, Jill Wood, Whitney Suter. Back Row: Teresa Dobson, Beth Dean, Sarah Davis, Sallie Davis.



**FALL JV CHEERLEADERS**—Front row: Amy Burton, Chandra Boyle, Johanna Faes, Diana Tas. Back Row: Renee Philbates, Lee Anne Ellyson, Becky Coates, Karen Uher.



Cheerleaders Beth Dean and Anne Gregory watch the game in hopes for a touchdown. Cheers and chants by the cheerleaders kept the team spirit up and also kept the crowd entertained.

Long and hard practices showed in the faces of cheerleaders as they perform a difficult routine in unison. The competition held in West Point was a great thrill for the cheerleaders, who anticipated it with nervous excitement.



WINTER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—Front row: Jill Wood, Amy Barton, Shannan Gray, Anne Gregory. Back row: Sarah Davis, Cynthia Harper, Tracie Stewart, Samie Davis.



WINTER JV CHEERLEADERS—Front row: Diana Tas, Lee Ann Elyson, Renee Phubates. Back row: Chandra Boyie, Gana Lemons, Becky Coates, Shannon Smith, Johanna Faas.



Rounding a bend, Brian Weaver stays ahead of the competition. Endurance and strength are important in cross-country meets to enable the runners to keep up with other teams.



Wendy Hodges and Shannon Smith support each other as they continue on the cross-country trail. Having teammates to depend on helps keep them going.

Striving to make it to the finish line, Brian Weaver pushes himself on. Physical and mental training add to confidence to any athlete.



*Over the hill*

## And Through the Woods

by Charles Bowery

The cross-country team, coached by Ms. Hudson, had a successful year. Tough, enduring practices, proved necessary in exciting meets against teams like Walsingham and King William. A highlight of the season was the William and Mary Invitational, a Saturday meet in which many single, double, and triple-A schools participated. New Kent's only male runner, Freshman Brian Weaver earned All-Region honors with a tenth-place finish in

the Region A championship at King William High School. Brian thought that the season went well.

The girls' team placed second overall in the team standings with a fine effort. Wendy Hodges, Barbara Foley, and Mary Britton closed out the 1986 season by competing in the state championships in Charlottesville. At the fall awards banquet, Barbara Foley received a special award for her contributions to the team.



Boy's and Girl's Cross Country--Shannon Smith, Wendy Hodges, Brian Weaver, Diane Parker, Barbara Foley

*Down, but not out*

## Not Quite Champions

by Allison Smith

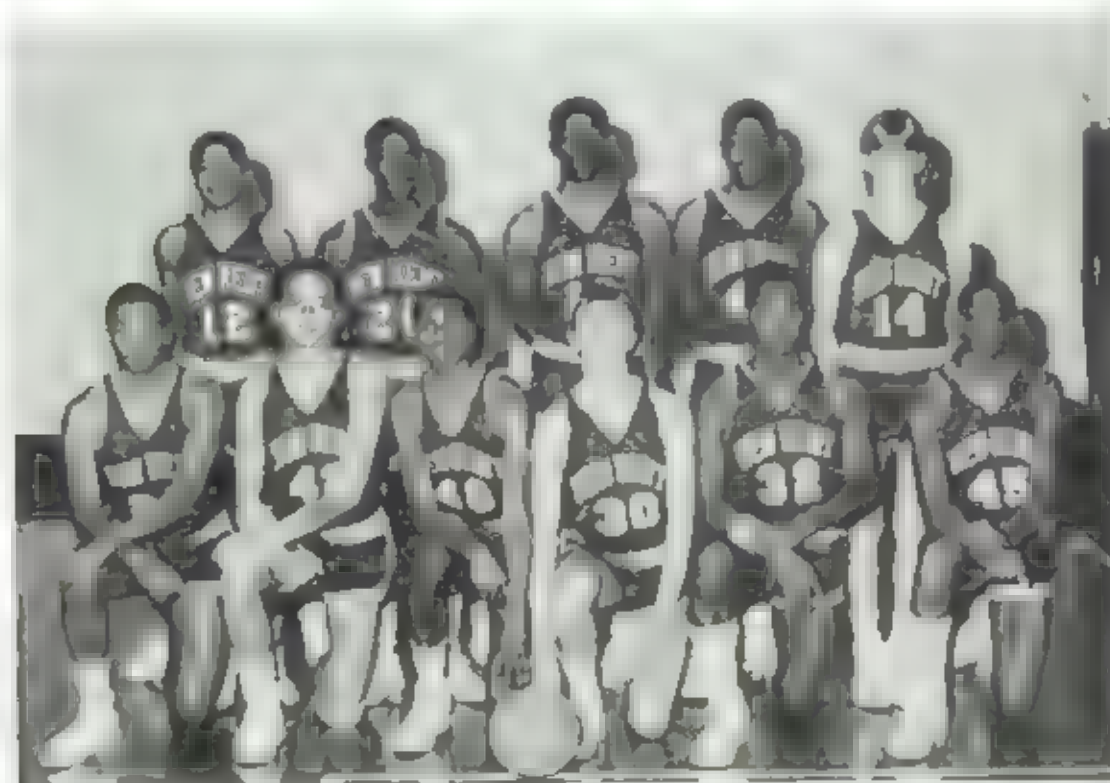
It was a difficult season for the young team. Inexperience and small size were the two key factors that led to a 3-18 record. Unfortunately, the team was outbounded in most games and the lack of playing experience led to far too many turnovers. But this didn't stop the team. Hard work and a

tough fight were objectives that the team pursued.

The team was led by all-district guard Bernard Williams. Bernard led the team in scoring with a 10.5 average and was an able leader on the floor. Brian Weaver, our leading rebounder, led the way as our most improved player. What an

accomplishment for a freshman. And Richard Adkins' hustle and intensity helped the team in its three victories.

With only one team member not returning for the next season, the team is expected to accomplish more than what it did this year.



Front row—Sherlock Holmes, Richard Adkins, Vernell Lee, Brian Weaver, Billy Manning, Robert Ross. Back row—Lerone Billups, Kenny Rankin, Bernard Williams, Kelvin Taylor, Danny Cagwin

Kenny Rankin's successful shot presented the opportunity for Billy Manning to fight for a position

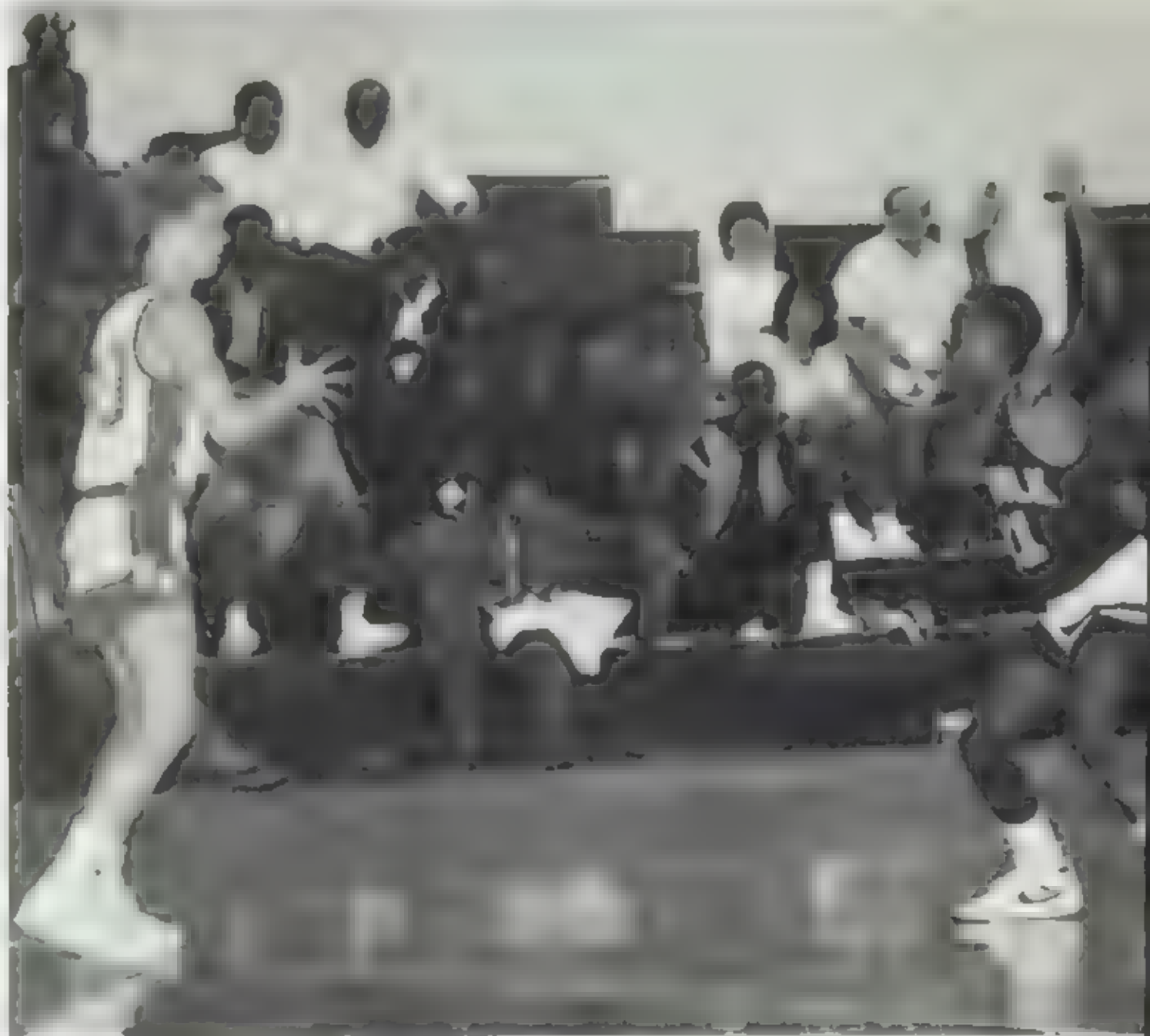




Cheers from basketball fans proved encouraging for three of the twenty-one games that the team won. The team replaced the lack of experience with perseverance and hard work



SCOREBOARD		
30	Essex	60
43	Middlesex	57
40	Essex	55
49	Middlesex	80
40	Matthews	73
37	King William	67
30	Essex	81
33	Windsor	68
49	King and Queen	64
51	Charles City	49
42	Suffolk	103
38	West Point	64
68	King and Queen	67
41	Surry	82
37	Matthews	62
61	Charles City	61
46	Suffolk	46
44	Windsor	44
48	West Point	48
64	Surry	64
45	Surry	45



Ryan Kuester looks for an open offensive player to pass the ball to. Both games against Suffolk proved unsuccessful, but the team edged out the season with an 11-7 record



Maurice Christian hustles back a defense against Suffolk. With only a few seconds to go Maurice made the most of the time he had

Jeff Wright's layup during the Suffolk game resulted in two more points. Both games with Suffolk ended in close scores





*What a season*

## Surprise in Store

by Allison Smith

Ashtonishment and disbelief were written across Coach Wentz's face as surprise filled his mind. An ending record of 11-7 proved that even a j. v. team could pull off anything.

How would anyone have guessed that this team could beat West Point? Arch rivals seemed to be the most challenging games of the season, but New Kent did it as Ryan Kuester led the team to victory several times during the season. With only

a lead of several points, teammates teamed up to tame the Pointers. And what games they were. Only a few points ahead, New Kent seemed to command control of the ball.

Other rivals seemed to want to whip the Trojans into shape, but were unable to do so as the team sped across the court racking up points against their opponents.

What a season! And just think, it'll be even better next season.



Front row—Joe Brown, Ryan Kuester, Jeff Wright, Tony Jones, Maurice Christian, Keith Edwards. Back row—Jerry Washington, Price James, Scott Drapeau, Bobby Collins, Shawn Gatling, Carlos Landrum

### SCOREBOARD

22	Essex	32
16	Middlesex	48
31	Essex	24
33	Middlesex	38
34	Matthews	29
31	Windsor	30
37	King and Queen	33
34	Charles City	31
40	Suffolk	43
39	West Point	38
51	King and Queen	36
47	Matthews	25
32	Surry	36
36	Charles City	44
23	Suffolk	37
34	Windsor	30
44	West Point	28
30	Surry	12



## Never, never the worst Practice, Practice,

by Carly Trader

Volleyball team members shared a multitude of feelings. Regret and weariness after long, backbreaking practices were typical of most of the girls. Drills kept practices running smoothly, as skills were perfected to help the team dig, spike, set up, bump, and serve.

Kathy Smith groaned, "the practices were really tough, but some of the drills made them pretty fun." Players also felt exhilaration when they overcame a particularly difficult opponent. One of these such opponents was West Point. Sherri Torrence said,

"it felt great to pull out on top in that game."

The team felt the thrill of victory many times. The record, even though not perfect, was a good one. Though many factors cost the team players such as grades, discipline, and injuries, the team came out well.



Front row—Sherri Torrence, Laune Allen, Heather Beverage, Rhonda Thorne, Shell Cahoon. Second row—Coach Faison, Kathy Smith, Stephanie Dean, Allisa Burroughs, Laune Smith, Licia Street. Back row—Chip Lettich, Michelle Bush, Chris Macon.



Sheri Torrence bumps the ball over the net. Fortunately for us, the opposing team didn't know what happened as Sheri's bump resulted in a point for our team.

SCOREBOARD		
3	Charles City	0
3	King and Queen	1
0	Middlesex	2
1	Mathews	2
1	West Point	3
3	Surry	0
3	Charles City	1
1	King William	3
3	King and Queen	0
2	Suffolk	3
3	West Point	1
3	Surry	1
0	Suffolk	3
2	Suffolk	0
1	West Point	2
1	Middlesex	1



Heather Beverage spikes the ball over the net to King and Queen's side. Unfortunately, the opposing teammate was ready for that move.

Teamwork is a must in any sport. Evidence of this is Heather Beverage's set up for Sheri Torrence. The result? One more point, of course.

Tammy Swagger performs her floor routine with ease. Many practices make it possible for gymnasts to gracefully dance across the mats.



Brandon Crump's flexibility and balance on the beam resulted in her scoring points for the gymnastics team. Balance is hard to achieve on the beam.

Poquoson found themselves in awe while eyeing Tricia Richardson perform a lay-out squat vault over the horse. Routines on the horse involve strength as well as flexibility.





*Regionals and state, here we come*

## That High Score

by Allison Smith

They did it! They really did it well! Not only did the gymnastics team score their highest score in five years, but they also won the regional title and four girls competed in the state gymnastics meet.

With the help of two experienced

coaches, Mrs. Cindy Burnett and Miss Tracey Pollard, the girls led the way to regionals. Several girls did extremely well this year. Tara Thompson scored an 8.1 on the beam, the school record. Tara, along with Tammy Swagger, Tricia

Richardson, and Karen Uhler, represented the school at the state gymnastics meet.

Both coaches, along with their team, expect an even more productive team for the next season.

### SCOREBOARD

70.1	Tabb	95.35
70.1	Northhampton	69.0
70.5	Lafayette	83.0
69.2	Gloucester	91.0
69.2	Warwick	74.15
76.8	Northhampton	83.85
76.8	York	95.5
76.0	Gloucester	86.4
76.0	Norfolk Academy	82.0
56.0	Lafayette	95.6
81.5	Suffolk	52.95
81.5	Poquoson	95.5
74.7	York	98.05
62.5	Collegiate	84.4



Front row—Heather Naerebout, Tricia Richardson, Tammy Swagger, Marenda Sowers, Michelle Reese. Back row—Brandon Crump, Karen Uhler, Darcas Hunt, Melissa Croswell, Wendy Hodges, Tara Thompson.

*One more time to districts*

## This Ain't The Last Time

by Allison Smith

Coach Tom Dolan always seemed to lack the sheer look of surprise as the varsity baseball team conquered each of the ten district teams that it beat. With only two seasonal losses, the team advanced to the Tidewater District Tournament and the Regional Tournament.

Thanks to pitcher Brian Campbell, and batters Robert Tas, Todd Curle, Ken Fisher, Tommy Ellis, and David Jones, the team ended the season with a 10-2 district record. After the first win, the team seemed to swallow all of its opponents one right after another.

In past season play,

the team fell to King and Queen in the first round of the district tournament. In the regional tournament, the team lost its first round game to Surry.

Seniors leaving the team believed that there would never be another to match this one. But of course, one can only wait and see.



Pitcher Brian Campbell helped to lead the team on to a district record of 10-2. His pitching form was hard to beat as he struck out more than several players on opposing teams.



Eric Kuester covers home plate just in time for the Poquoson player to be declared 'out'. Players attempt to beat the 'out' by sliding into home plate.



At bat, Tommy Ellis makes contact against Surry. With his hit into left field, two men came in to score two runs for the team.



Front row—Ken Fisher, Russell Holder, Dennis Shiflett, Dwayne Johnson, Robert Tas, David Jones. Back row—Ryan Kuester, Wade Weis, John Brown, Sam Bowery, Todd Arle, Tommy Ellis, Eric Pignatore, Brian Campbell, Eric Kuester.

### SCOREBOARD

2	West Point	7
7	Middlesex	4
2	Tabb	19
9	Charles City	1
3	Middlesex	0
12	Charles City	7
11	King and Queen	8
12	West Point	7
4	Poquoson	1
6	King and Queen	5
6	Windsor	4
5	Tabb	0
7	Surry	5
3	Suffolk	2

### District Tournament

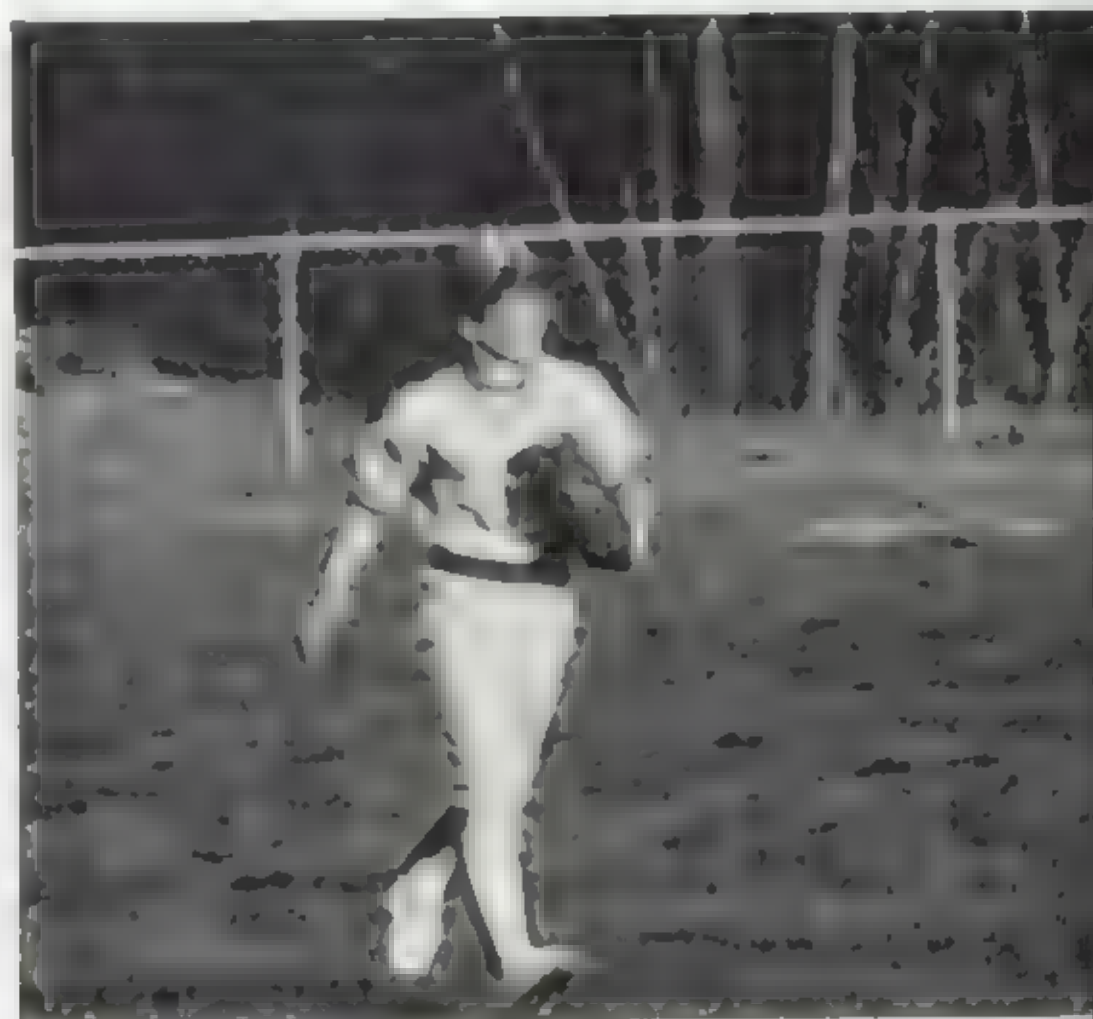
0	King and Queen	6
3	Surry	5



Taking Dad's advice, Johnny Gregory hits away from the baseline. His hit brought one man in and he got a single.

SCOREBOARD		
1	Gloucester Int.	10
12	Middlesex	1
6	Middlesex	4
0	Gloucester Int.	13
5	Essex	4
4	North Hampton	5
7	Norfolk Academy	3
3	Matthews	6
5	Gloucester Int.	10
5	Essex	6
3	Gloucester Int.	15
0	Gloucester Int.	10
3	James Blair	0
4	James Blair	0

Judging a fly ball, Jody Batkins moves in a little from left field. Jody's catch made this a second out for Essex.





*Down but not out*

## Gaining Ground

by Allison Smith

Although young in age and full of determination, the j. v. baseball team finished with a 5-9 record. Coach Richard Wentz's comment was, "the team definitely has promise for the upcoming year." Many of these players were eighth and ninth graders who had little experience against the mighty single A opponents who appeared strong

on the field.

The first game of the season against Gloucester Intermediate was a loss that then spurred the team on to victory in their second game against Middlesex. With a 12-1 victory, New Kent came back again in the next game with a two run lead over the formerly defeated Middlesex.

The tides turned as the team which

appeared so strong previously lost to the next several teams, but the excitement and close score of the Essex game was enough to motivate the team on to three more victories.

There was evidence that daily practices had helped to improve skills necessary in baseball. These are the players who will soon be varsity players.



Ronald Harper's fast ball can't be beat. This great pitch struck out many batters on opposing teams. Ronald has several different pitches that he can choose from, judging from the batters practice swings.

Front row—Bryan Evans, Jason Williams, Jody Balkins, Ronald Harper, Michael Marks, David Blount, Johnny Gregory, Andy Alford. Back row—Robert Burroughs, Burl Torrence, Scott Cowles, Scott Drapeau, Garrick Coles, Jerry Washington.

Kim Peddicord makes this strong throw to first base to attempt to score an out for the opposing team. Like most girls on the team, intense practices help them on the playing field.

SCOREBOARD		
21	West Point	19
10	Middlesex	19
11	Tabb	19
2	Charles City	17
15	Middlesex	9
35	Charles City	5
11	King and Queen	14
29	West Point	32
3	Poquoson	8
14	King and Queen	6
17	Windsor	16
29	Suffolk	11
10	Surry	25
11	Windsor	8
13	Tabb	2
13	Surry	2
3	Suffolk	28
22	West Point	5
4	Windsor	1
7	West Point	2
17	Northumberland	4



Laurie Smith starts a double play with a strong throw to second base. Laurie's quick eye has helped the team score outs against their opponents.

Laurie Allen's completion of Laurie Smith's double play proved to be successful. With an opposing team member heading for first base, she was quickly stopped by a quick ball.





*Only the beginning*

## Playing Hardball

by Allison Smith

1987 was a banner year for the softball team as they finished the season as Tidewater District Runners-up and Tidewater District Tournament Champions. The team finished with a 9-3 district record, a 12-9 overall record and advanced to the Regional Semi-finals.

Led by all district selections, the team

displayed the most powerful hitting team in the district. In post-season play, New Kent defeated West Point and district champion Windsor to win their first softball championship. In the regional quarterfinals, New Kent defeated West Point again and then lost to eventual regional champion, Northumberland, in the semi-finals.



Front row—Barbara Foley, Beth Adkins, Laune Smith, Karen Jones, Rhonda Thorne, Shannon Bowery. Second row—Jenny Hague, Kim Peddicord, Shannon McLaughlin, Jimmy Wooten, Debbie Ellis, Laune Allen, Lisa McGonigal, Heather Beverage.

*Jump, shout, and boogie?*

## Run, Baby, Run

by Allison Smith

They were first in three meets, second in two, and third in one. After finishing third in the district, the boys' track team rejoiced in the success of their fellow teammates.

Malachi Adkins set a new district record in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.9 seconds. Kenny Rankin set a new school record in the 200 meter dash with time of 22.4 seconds. Both Charles Bowery and Mike Foley ran their fastest this season with an unmatched time of 4.58.

The state track

meet was not to be dismissed lightly. With Malachi Adkins, Kenny Rankin, and Charles Bowery representing the school, competitors were given the 'run of their lives'. Malachi came home proudly with a fourth place finish in the 100 meter dash.

Not only was team effort and success noted, but individuals such as Malachi Adkins, Joe Brown, Charles Bowery, and Kenny Rankin were noted for their exceptional performances in track.

The girls' team, un-

fortunately, did not have quite the success that the boys' team enjoyed. But because of their diligence and hard work, the effort payed off. Finishing fourth place in the district was good considering the team's lack of experi-

Several members were noted for their abilities. Tonya Winston placed in eleven meets and score more points than any other team member. Sue Brown was noted for her hard work and dedication with the 110% award that she earned.



Elmore Holmes begins his spin in the discus throw at the Region A track meet held at Christopher Newport College. Unlike most discus throwers, Elmore has developed a powerful throw that pushes the discus almost into oblivion.



Boys' Track Front row—Kenny Rankin, Mike Foley, Lerone Billups, Brian Weaver, Kelvin Paige, Charles Bowery. Second Row—Craig Aliff, Joe Brown, Billy Manning, Elmore Holmes, Joey Williams, Charles Martin. Back row—Chris Macon, Omar Smith, Herman Burrell, Chip Leftwich, Troy Layman, Malachi Adkins.

Sue Brown passes a baton to Kecia Ormond during a relay race at the regional meet. Kecia gradually gained on her opponent and the team won the race



Girls' Track. Front row—Anne Gregory, Allisa Burroughs, Amy Burton, Diane Barker, Karen Jull, Dionne Otey. Second row—Kecia Ormond, Dionne Burrell, Shannon Smith, Sue Brown, Wendy Hodges, Dana Morse. Back row—Tonya Winston, Anissa Jones, Synada Jones, Sarah Murray, Shelly Cahoon

### SCOREBOARD

#### Girls

86.5	West Point	93
86.5	King and Queen	36.5
86.5	Charles City	13
70	Windsor	56
70	Suffolk	32
67	Surry	41
67	Suffolk	32.5
67	Windsor	84.5
67	Charles City	5
85	King and Queen	59
85	Charles City	6
71	Windsor	86
71	Surry	108
71	West Point	78
71	Suffolk	28
71	King and Queen	57
71	Charles City	2

### SCOREBOARD

#### Boys'

122	West Point	70
122	King and Queen	44
122	Charles City	0
73	Windsor	17
73	Suffolk	61
69	King William	94
69	West Point	31
59	Surry	63.5
59	Windsor	28.5
59	Suffolk	76
59	Charles City	2
99	King and Queen	55
99	Charles City	3
94	Windsor	35
94	Surry	95.5
94	West Point	20
94	Suffolk	18
94	King and Queen	55.5
94	Charles City	0



Tennis is not a shy sport. With this forehand return, Cynthia Harper scored a point for the team

SCOREBOARD		
Boys'		
6	Mathews	3
2	Essex	7
6	Surry	3
5	Essex	4
5	Mathews	4
6	West Point	3
9	Suffolk	0
5	Christchurch	4
3	Windsor	5
8	Surry	1

SCOREBOARD		
Girls		
5	Mathews	4
3	Mathews	6
8	Surry	1
5	Mathews	4
0	West Point	9
1	Windsor	8
6	Suffolk	3
2	West Point	7
6	Essex	3
8	Essex	1
8	Surry	1



Boys' Tennis. Front row—Mike Gephart, Shawn Gusti, Kelly Chestnut, David Wagner  
Back row—Wil Kahn, Robert Elyson, Keith Edwards, Philip Brinkley

Surprise, surprise, surprise

## McEnroe? Evert?

by Diane Barker

Joy and relief were the expression found on most tennis fans' faces this spring. While home matches were few, away matches seemed to be productive for the boys team. Girls' tennis was just as productive as the girls ended the season with an unusual 7-4 record.

For the first time ever, the boys beat West Point, Suffolk, and Christchurch and ended with an overall record of 8-2. Long, three-hour afternoon practices payed off. Thanks to Mike Sephart's famous strong backhand, Philip Brinkley's cautious strategies,

and David Wagner's court aggressiveness, the team wound up with a winning season.

This makes the fourth year in a row that these players have played together. Shawn Gusti ended the season with the best record, and Kelly Chestnut was the team's most improved player.

Tracie Stewart, voted the most valuable player, helped to lead the way to the outstanding record that was evident at the end of the girls' team season. Previous years found the girls uncomfortable with their play, but this year was different. Im-

provement was the name of the game as the team continued to win matches over opponents such as Mathews, Surry, and Essex. This was one of the first years that the girls won more matches than they lost. And why? The team's most improved player, Rose Hall attributes that "the team worked much harder and really learned how to play the game."

What a coincidence! Both teams ended their remarkable seasons with a 7-4 record, and both were tremendous records. So you see, some things are unpredictable.



Girls' Tennis: Front row—Jocelyn Doucet, Tracie Stewart, Nina Burrell, Melody Jenkins  
Back row—Chandra Boyce, Rose Hall, Sallie Davis, Jill Wood, Cynthia Harper, Diana Tas  
s Davis



Philip Brinkley believes that correct strategy and perfect timing assures a player of a gained point. But believing is not the end. Philip puts his philosophy to test at every match.

*We did well*

## We Placed

by Alex Walden

For members of the Forensics team, nothing could have been more realistic than hard work, determination, and leadership. Forensics, the extracurricular activity in which students work to develop their speaking skills, was practiced by members just like any other sport.

Most of the team members trained by rehearsing, memorizing, and then more rehearsing of their parts. Carly Trader commented that, "the most disappointing aspect of the team is that you can't possibly learn all of the words

in such a short period of time." Other members of the team also shared this general feeling.

"I learned a lot about using emotion in words and I think I did as well as I've ever done," commented Jennifer Johnson. Jennifer, who participated in dramatic interpretation, delivered her part very seriously.

With the efforts of all, the team was able to produce several students who placed: Margaret Brindle, second; Chns Geron, third; and Carly Trader, third.



Barbara Foley prepares Diane Barker's makeup before the performance of "The Skeleton Walks." Performances of the oratory play were well received.

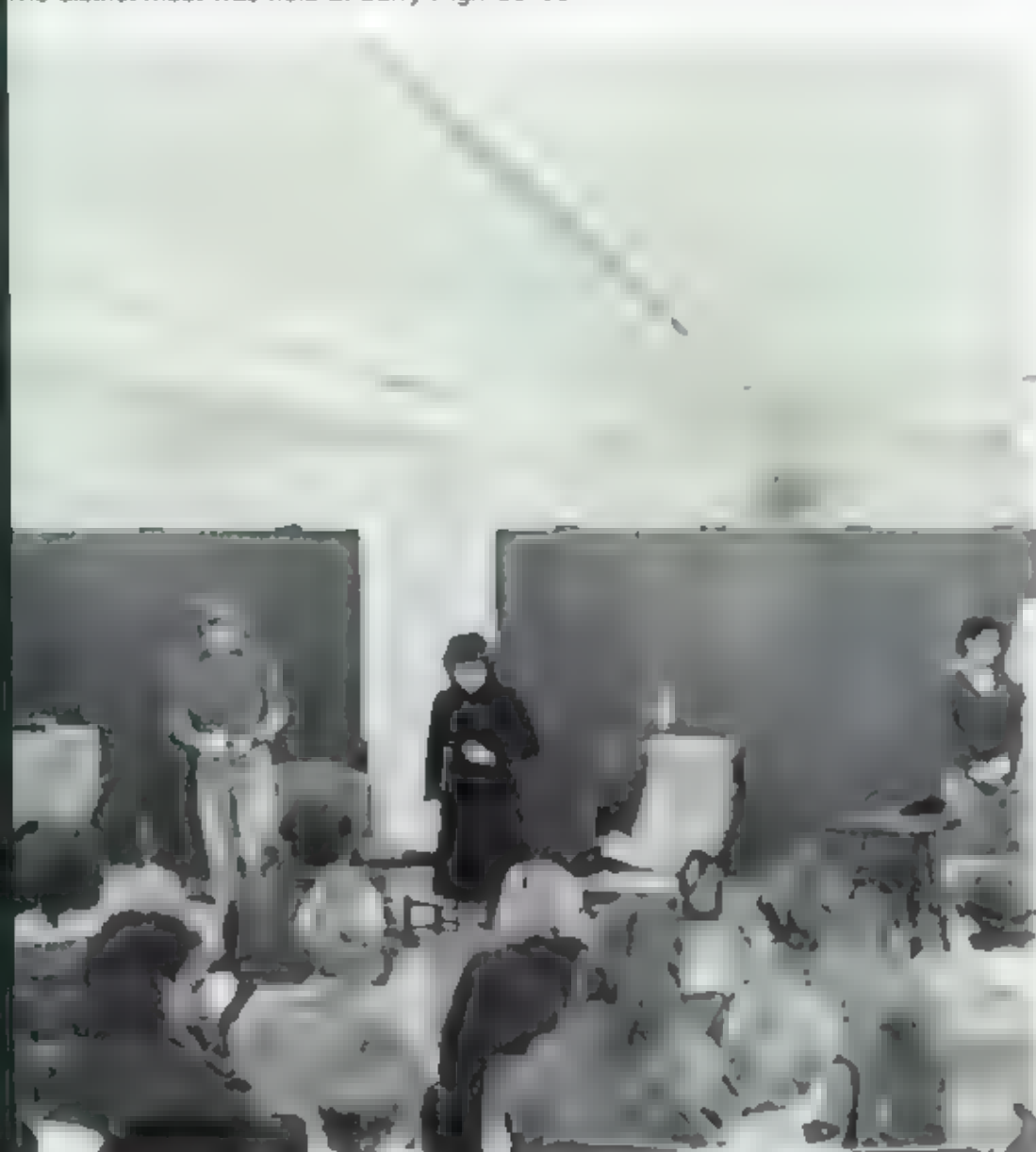


Forensics Front row—Mrs. Martin, Shawnda Molar, Carly Trader, Denice Estes, Chns Geron. Second row—Brian Hodges, Jennifer Johnson, Diane Barker, Joanne McLaughlin, William Crump. Back row—Charlie Martin, Shannon McLaughlin, Chns Martin, Margaret Brindle.



Barbara Foley and Omar Smith, stars of the one act play, display accurate emotions during this scene. With just a few performances, the actors placed third, above their previous fourth place

Performances of "Still Stands the House" were given in the cafeteria for English classes. The district meet was held at Surry High School.



*Saki rules*

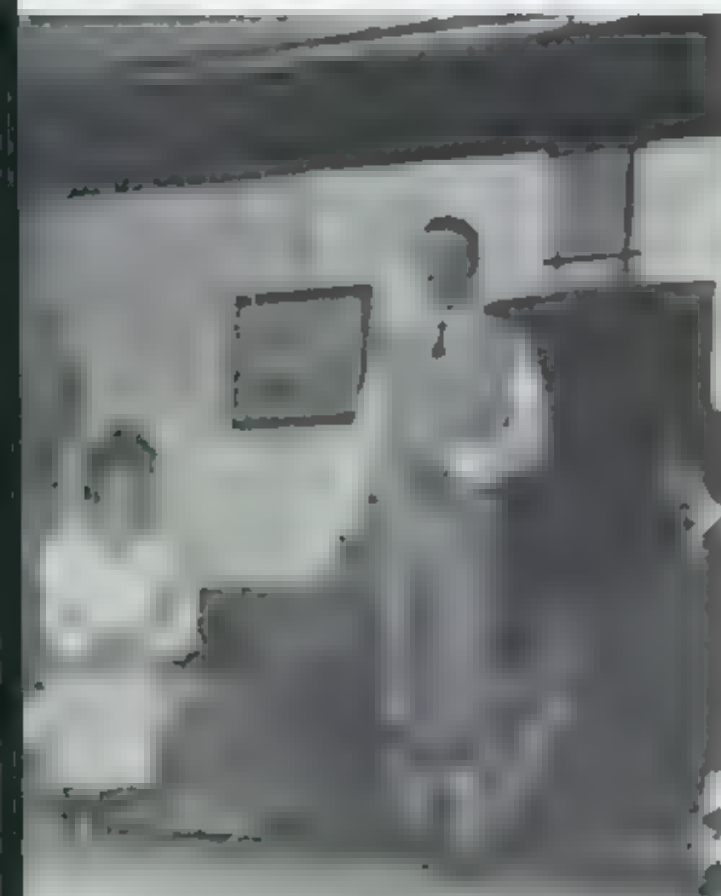
## One Notch Above

by Allison Smith

True to the style of Saki, the year's one act play was a drama with a chilling conclusion. "Still Stands the House" starred Barbara Foley, Mike Foley, Nadine Derowitsch, and Omar Smith as characters involved in the sale of an old farmhouse and the surrounding barren land. And, as always, there are those who are for it, and those who are against it.

Death comes as the end to those who buck the established traditions of the Warren family. Although the family in the play is torn, the cast and crew were blessed with 'togetherness' from start to finish.

In just one year's time, the cast finished ahead of their previous year's finish. "Third is just fine with us," commented one cast member.



One Act Play Front row—Mrs. Costa, Nadine Derowitsch, Mike Shores, Jennifer Johnson, Barbara Foley Back row—John Brown, Chris Appel, Omar Smith, Mike Foley

Performances of "The Skeleton Walks" were given at the primary school during the fall fine arts festival. Omar Smith's talent for making his character come to life is evident in all scenes of the play.

*From Aristotle to Zoology*

## Never a Tough Question

by Allison Smith

Blank stares were in this year. Not knowing answers to academic questions was at first humiliating for the scholastic challenge team, but confidence soon took precedence over fears. New this year, the team fared well with an overall finish of three wins and three very close

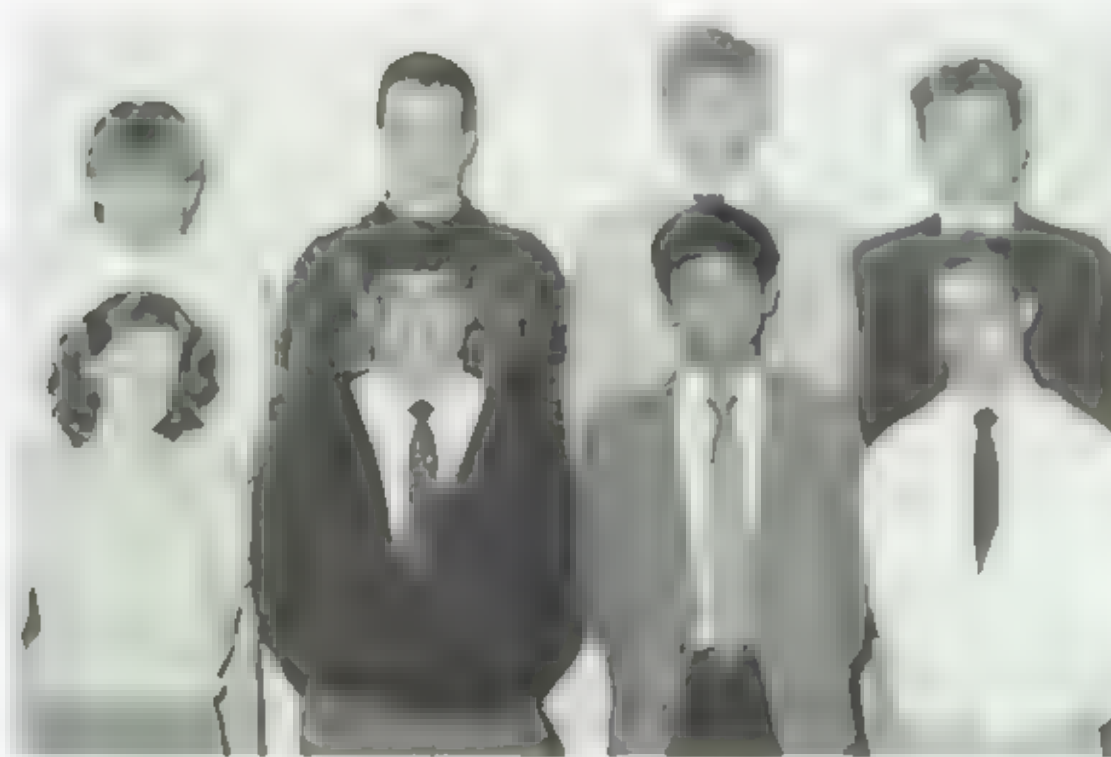
losses

Challenge questions, prepared by Mrs. Pinelli, Mrs. Gulick, and Mr. Gulick, used at all practices, were typical questions asked of the team during competitions. Whether it was a question on Aristotle or chemistry, the team attempted the correct answer

Competition was close, but all was not lost. The team advanced to the Tidewater District Tournament and tied for third place in the tournament and the regular season

"Had it not been for the team's hard work, they would not have done as well," commented one team

member. And that was true. As a demonstration of the match events, a mock competition was set up by Mrs. Pinelli during the Beta Club Honors Assembly in the spring. Two teams were competing made up of regular and alternate team members



Front row—Whitney Sulcer, Mike Gephart, Alex Warden, Charles Bowery Back row—Brian Hodges, Blair Ehrd, Ted Wallot, David Wagner





"Would you repeat the question, please?" Team members who did not hear the question clearly the first time are allowed to ask for a one time repeat. Here was one of those unexpected questions on zoology



At the honors assembly, scholastic challenge team members Blair Elird and Charles Bowery debate over the correct answer to the question. The opposing team appears relieved over their anxiety

Coach Pinelli asks several of those stumping questions. Today's questions are typical of those asked at a real match



New Beta Club inductees Blair Ebird and Annette Gilen recite the National Beta Club pledge with old and new members. Beta Club members are students who quest for excellence in the area of academics.





Tammy Wooten brings her story of Cinderella alive at the SCA reading fair. SCA representatives wore clothing typical of characters in the story that they read.

## Organizations

What would the school be like without organizations? Clubs break the monotony of everyday school life. Organizations are good for learning experiences and to better the school system. Joining clubs is a good way to meet new friends.

*Military science*

# They Never Did it This Way Before

by Mary Ellen Guthrie and Janice Hibbard

From 'day-one' they knew that it would be a tough struggle to keep their heads above water, but the "Pride of New Kent" as they preferred to be called, endured the screeching year they had as a newly recruited organization.

Unlike so many years before, the band took a turn for the better. The summer months were spent recruiting and training new members. Band camp was a necessity for those who were to endure the coming hot months of marching. Camp turned out to be a string of rainy days, never letting up enough for an entire day of relaxation and outdoor recreation. Practices started early and ended late. But even though some students were not used to the rugged schedule, they caught on. "It felt like military camp," commented Carrie Dezern. But when asked if she regretted her decision to sign up, her reply was an emphatic, "NO!"

Local parades and Friday night football games seemed to help the organization build its reputation for the better. Halftime shows were becoming more popular since they were now being viewed as real entertainment instead of just a break for hot dogs and hot chocolate. Endurance

and perseverance had paid off.

Unlike band, the school choir seemed to rely upon previous recognition. With a small, but well-voiced membership, this organization made its debut locally at regional competitions. Middle and primary school performances seemed to excite younger crowds of students during performances to recruit new members for the next year.



Concert band members performed at the Fine Arts Festival held at the Middle School. Not only did the concert band and choir perform, but artwork done by students was presented to parents and community members.





Band camp proved to be a successful venture during the summer months. Long, hot practices resulted in entertaining halftime shows at home football games



Early morning hours were great times for practices before breakfast. At first, twilight was a time for sleeping, but not any more. Concentration came at any hour, day or night for band members. The results of their effort was evident in their performances

Choir members found themselves entertaining at local events sponsored by various organizations. Graduation, the last performance of the year brought sentimental thoughts to graduates as each graduate sang with the organization for the last time



## Predictable Profiles



AISIA—Front row: Lan Jefferson, Jimmy Wainp, William Crump, Kevin Wood, Victor Bros, Harold Hammonds. Second row: Rusty Powell, Cane Edwards, James Harris, Marrio. Third row: Chris Barrows. Third row: Keith Thomas, Todd Akde, Tony Jones, Chris Macon, Gentick Cole, Andy Allord. Back row: Dray Humphrey, Jonathon Sprouse, Chip Lettwich, Kenny Layman, John Moore, Marshall Tette.



Art Club—First row: Philip Brinkley, Julie Akva, Tanna Pollack, Vidd Couch, Eva Marie Staskiat, Phillip Bullock, Lance Jefferson. Second row: Phillip Frader, Jeff Sorensen, Ellen Couch, Andy Allord, Frankie Melton, Tracie Adams, Shannon McPhail. Back row: Chad Trelor, Jeff Hogge, Danny Fowler, Clifford Casev, Ryan Sioul, Chris Sprouse.



Art Club—Front row: Shawne Hogge, David Dehart, Raymond Alexander, Mandy Hogge. Second row: Tracy Buchanan, Christina Cano, Jon Bryans, Chris Martin, Joseph Minor. Third row: Michelle Phillips, Mark Moon, Ricky Ciner, Nicole Ciner.

*Reading fair and hot air*

## Not Any is Just Enough

by Carrie Dezern and Jodi Hudson

They're only the two most powerful organizations on campus. With their influence, students gained a more positive perspective on life—socially and academically. Who are they? SADD and SCA.

SADD was the result of a group of students who decided that drunk driving laws were not enforced as heavily as they should have been. Too many lives had suffered. New Kent's chapter strived to see that the message "Don't drink and Drive" was well-embraced by the student body.

How did SADD accomplish its goal? Juniors and seniors who were going to the prom were approached with a contract stating that they would promise that at least one out of five students would stay sober so that they could arrive home safely. Business cards with a SADD message were placed in florists and tuxedo rental shops in the area. If they hadn't gotten the message yet, would they?

Springtime was the perfect weather to have a balloon lift off in the courtyard. Students purchased helium balloons and stuffed messages to "stay sober" inside. Hopefully those who found the later deflated balloons would realize that someone cared enough to send the message across. But helium balloons weren't the only items lifting off from the courtyard. The most spectacular event was the large hot air balloon bearing the message "Say NO to Drugs". Teaming up with PRIDE, SADD was out to deliver the message of unsafe judgement.

Homecoming week was SCA's most spectacular event. With new ideas such as a mid-week bonfire and a faculty SCA exam breakfast.

Early fall found students a little apprehensive about building floats for a homecoming field parade at the game. But many really liked the bon-fire idea. "It was different," came from several students.

Planned monthly activities seemed to center around social events that dictated unity and cooperation among teachers and students. The annual Reading Fair at the primary school prompted many to dress up as a character in their stories. Fund raisers were typical success stories. Car washes, bake sales, and semi-annual carnation sales were the root of SCA's financial support.

So, under the influence of these two groups, one's life may not be totally omitted from the good effects of their endeavors.

Whitney Sulcer, dressed as a fairy princess, reads a collection of nursery rhymes to primary school children as part of the state proclaimed reading day.





Balloon lift-offs were uncommon, but successful. Please for students to not drink and drive. Notes requesting that the finder of these balloons not drink and drive were put inside prior to their being filled with helium.

Kelly Chestnut and Mr. Geiger take their life into their own hands by allowing the hot-air balloon to tether among the roofs of the buildings. Due to Mr. Geiger's apprehension of getting air-sickness, he knelt down in the basket to say a short prayer while in flight.

## Predictable Profiles



Marching Band—First row Ms. West, Teresa Fields, April Balchelor, Christina Cano, Dae Tucker, Mica Manson, Nadine Shaw, April Williams, Tashara Brown, Callie Jones, Hank Jones, Teddy Fowier, Chris Appel, Shawn Schweitzer, Nemedius Ataria, Leigh Ann Bowyer.



Flag Corps: Front row: Christy Oney, Shawna Mims, Carrie A. ...  
Alisha Funder, Second row: Hunt ...  
Darcus Hunt, Kim Bush, Mary El ...



Beta Club—Front row: Barbara Foley, Amy Burton, Shirrille Carpenter, Jocelyn Doucet, Beth Budjinski, Diane Oley. Second row: Allisa Boroughs, Laurie Smith, Denise Fortin, Keith Edwards. Third row: Trisha Richardson. Third row: Will Kahn, Angela Gullum, Peggy Hunt, Tammy Jennings, Shannon Smith, Tonya Gibbs. Back row: Omar Smith, Tommy Ellis, Ted Waller, Brian Campbell, Alex Walden, Anna Gregory.



## Opposition and unity

# They Did it Again... As Usual

by Diane Barker and Laurie Daugherty

Service was the theme for most vocational clubs this year, but especially for FBLA and FHA. Whether separately, or as a team, both clubs surpassed most other organizations for their contributions to the community.

With the arrival of the school year, FBLA greeted each teacher with a small gift of office and school supplies. Staples, pens, and other necessities were essential for a successful first day. FHA's contribution to the visiting committee helped the faculty greet its guests for a difficult four-day period. Without the help of this organization, the faculty would have had to prepare for more meals than they had time for.

Thanksgiving day was just around the corner. Needy families were fortunate to receive food collected by the combined efforts of FBLA and FHA. Through this service, many families were able to have a nice Thanksgiving meal.

Christmas was a busy time for faculty members. Exams were scheduled, given, and graded. The work seemed to pile up most with Christmas break scheduled for

a two week period. But FHA didn't forget teachers. Christmas cards with pleasant Christmas and holiday greetings were left in teachers' boxes in hopes that these cheerful expressions of appreciation would leave teachers with a more relaxed week of exams.

The snow caused the delay of the Valentine's Day dance. Even though it was pushed two weeks back, the large turnout made this the most successful dance sponsored by FHA. Sallie Davis and Shawn Gusti, the best dressed couple, took applause and compliments home with them. But Valentine's Day was not overlooked by FBLA. Valentine grams were purchased by students and were sent to that special friend as a special valentine greeting.

Near the year's end, FHA and FBLA teamed up against each other for their annual softball game. The sport, played in sporting competition, proved that two organizations, even though different in name and purpose, could join together for the service they provided to the community.

Pat Adkins, like other students, will graduate with an emphasis in business. As a business student, Pat helped to make preparations for the reception in honor of Mr. Wilbur Taylor's retirement. All of the vocational clubs and classes took part in the festivities.



## Predictable Profiles



**Beta Club**—Front row: Shannon McPhail, Jodi Hudson, Whitney Sulzer, Mrs. Lee. Second row: Joanne McLaughlin, Charles Hixson, Melissa Lyon, Bob Simmons, Rhonda Thome. Third row: Mike Gephart, Heather Beverage, Eric Kuester, Laurie Allen, Cynthia Harper. Back row: Shannon MacLaughlin, Blair Efrd, John Todd, Cheryl Holmes, Ray Adams.



**FBLA**—Front row: Nikku Washington, Trina Smith, Stacy Whitehurst, Rhonda Williams, Dana Moore, Mrs. Brill. Second row: Tammy Swaggar, Maureen Brown, Lisa Wundt, Mrs. Dickerson, Teresa Jennings, Lisa Parkey, Michelle Oley, Cathy Peay, Tammy Christian, Theresa McLaughlin. Third row: Christa Crump, Rose Hall, Tammy Felt, Carla Jones, Tammy Boyd, Shannon MacLaughlin, Denise Colwell, Mrs. Brill.



**FBLA**—Front row: Tracie Adams, Laurie Daugherty, Pat Adams, Cathy Carter, Sandy Tyrone, Mrs. Fraser. Second row: Lilia Gunn, Beth Adams, Jackie Hughes, Tracey Edwards, Julie Ann, Laura Norris. Third row: Chris Asbury, Shawn Christian, Michelle Bush, Nelson Boyce, Annette Washington, Teresa Dobson.

Mr. Wilbur Taylor's retirement from the school system prompted vocational education classes to prepare gifts for him. Diane Barker, FHA president, presented Mr. Taylor with a basket of office supplies as 'necessities for his office at home.'

AISIA club members constructed a cabinet for Mr. Taylor. The cabinet was handmade from pine.

*Local and national newness*

## Unexpected additions

by Chip Leftwich

Without the influence of AISIA and FFA in our community, we would not be as educated in the utilization of surrounding resources as we are. FFA stresses the importance of the agrarian world around us. AISIA has made us more aware of industrial arts and the applications it has in our lives.

Field surveys as well as reading took place in at least one classroom this year. Without agriculture, civilization would not be able to support at least one habit—food consumption. FFA emphasized the importance of agricultural appreciation. With fund raisers such as fruit sales, patrons were always aware of the source that our farmers provide us

AISIA found itself at the top. Chip Leftwich and John Moore both qualified for nationals this year. After competing in the state car racing competition in Richmond, both students were on their way to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the national finals.

A first for the school was Chip Leftwich's election as regional historian for the south central United States. Chip represented the region to the national AISIA club.

The year went as unpredictable as expected. With these new additions and new achievements, New Kent should be catching a new wave.



Dennis Shifflet and Tray Hodges spend class time studying the environment. This type of study helps to make school much more interesting. These are the types of things that FFA believes are important. Without knowledge of our environment and surroundings, we are at a loss in our utilizing our resources.







Chip Leftwich, AISIA president, received an award for 100% chapter participation. Chip, along with John Moore, also placed in the state finals for their racing cars

E. J. Johnson, John Pitts, Brian Orrock, and Trey Hodges take field samples during an FFA outing. FFA, one of the oldest campus organizations emphasizes the importance of agriculture around the world, but especially in the surrounding area

## Predictable Profiles



Chorus—Front row: Mrs. Jones, Kim Christian, Laurel Ann Jones, Miss Phillips, Jocelyn Doucet. Second row: Dana Dowdy, Jennifer Sprake, Matt Wiggins, Sarah Doucet, Gina Newman. Back row: Brian Evans, Carol Walton, Benita Berkeky, Janice Hibbard, Onia Smith



Chorus—Front row: Danielle Christian, April Bassett, Sherri Barbour, Christie Holmes, Jackie Linkhoker, Heather Nezarabow, Traci McKay, Yvonne Jenkins, Angela Cox, Craig Babbage. Back row: Tony Bowers, Chris Ashbury, William Gammon, Eddie Harris, Troy Cowles, Karen Mason



SADD—Front row: Mrs. Geron, Anne Gregory, Stephanie Dear, Lisa Wyndham, Barbara Foley, Jeanette Tharrington. Second row: Janice Hibbard, Craig Alti, Chandra Boyle, Kathy Smith, Tony Foster. Third row: Sarah Davis, Mike Foley, Sandu Schulte, Herman Burrell, Maurice Carter



SADD—Front row: Mrs. Sly, Michelle Poff, Diana Taylor, Sara D. Back row: Renee Philbores, Chris Geron, Sara D. Back row: Michelle Shiffert, Tina Parsley, Michelle Alley, David Holl. Back row: Williams, Allen Jeter. Back row: Robert F. Back row: Kelly, James, Kim Peddicord, Tracey Berg, Michelle Parsons, Carrie D. Back row: Williams, Allen Jeter

## Two of a kind

# Taps and Letters

by Jodi Hudson

Beta and Varsity clubs are organizations whose criteria has to be met before a student may become a member. Beta Club requires a grade point average of 3.25 before a student may be inducted. Teacher recommendations are also taken into consideration before the tapping ceremony. Varsity Club requires that students earn at least one letter in a varsity sport before they can become members. As the largest club on campus, varsity club hosts several activities that incorporate the majority of the school population.

Beta Club inducted twenty new members in April. The reception held after the tapping ceremony was financed through fund raisers that most club members participated in. The scholarship sponsored by Beta Club goes to a college bound senior. Monthly newsletters were handed out to all members in order to allow the members to become acquainted with Beta Clubs in the surrounding areas. Newly tapped member, Blair Efrid claims that "it was a great honor to be tapped into the Beta Club." Charles Bowery also feels that the Beta Club is an honor and "all new Beta Club inductees should be proud."

Alex Walden, also a new inductee, was surprised at his being tapped in. But like most students, was proud of his achievements.

Beta Club members were awarded certificates, pennants, pins, membership cards and a reception in their honor.

Varsity Club's big event of the year was the great faculty/student basketball game. Of course, the male students whipped the male faculty, but the female students came in second to the female faculty.

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Ashley Harwood just tapped Anne Gregory into the Beta Club. This organization is only for students who have met stringent academic qualifications.

During the third quarter of the students vs. faculty basketball game, the female students attempt to gain control of the ball from a female faculty member. Unlike most basketball games, this one was for sheer fun.







## Mock vs. real

# Bill Collectors

by Allison Smith

"Just between you and me, what is the oratory club?" "Well, you sure do hear a lot about them, but who are they?" These are the typical comments and questions often heard about our oratory club. And to clear up some of these questions, let's see what happened with them this year.

November was an extremely busy month. With the visiting committee making evaluations on our school, someone had to help. Thanks to this club, they went the extra mile to be of service to these individuals.

In December the club participated in the Fine Arts Program with readings and choral readings. These readings were delivered by members who had worked extremely hard learning, memorizing, and practicing for their performance.

"The Skeleton Walks", the oratory club presentation, included a ten member cast that delivered two superb performances. Both audiences believed that this was surely one of Oratory Club's best plays.

One Act Play competition was tough. Most actors were members of the club, with little experience. The play was awarded third place, up from last year's fourth place.

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Several students participated in Model Congress held at Richard Bland College. Mock bills were submitted and discussed and later brought to a vote.

Model Congress at Richard Bland College was the highlight of the year. Several students participated in a mock type of congress that submitted, debated and voted on bills that were similar to those submitted in this state.

Time again for another springtime Fine Arts Program. This time, though, comic skits and dialogues were the main event.





Charlie Martin shared many of his viewpoints on several issues at Model Congress. Students were encouraged to respond as they felt that the students they supposedly represented would feel.

Recess didn't mean playing on the playground. These two, Charles Bowery and Tommy Ellis, were exhausted from the day's journey and activities.

## Predictable Profiles



**IFA**—Front row: David, Dennis, Charles, Dan, Brian, Curtis, Doreen, and... Back row: ...



**Spanish**—Front row: ... Back row: ...



**Spanish**—Front row: ... Back row: ...

*Not another one like it*

## It's Over!

by I. M. Bias

IT'S OVER! The last page has just been layed out, the copy is finally in the computer, and every photo has just been cropped to size...and as typical yearbook articles go, I could tell you just how hard we worked and sweated this year to get this book published. But I won't. You can see for yourself what this book is like what photos were selected and what the captions read

Without YOU it would have never been possible. YOU were the ones who made this yearbook a success. Why? Because you helped us by telling us that Mrs. Gullick's class was doing skits, Mrs. Martin's class was dancing the Charleston, and Mr. Bush's class designed and operated a laser. And you also told us that there would be a bonfire as well as a pep rally during homecoming week

So what does that have to do with yearbook? You are the yearbook. Everything in this school is part of a history that can and will never be repeated. You made history and helped us record it

But let's not forget the people who recorded the events of the year. Without the expertise of Ricky Ciner, events would have never been recorded on film. Carly Trader helped put all that you read together in a concise, but informative form. Typing all of this information into the computer was Laune Daugherty. Thank goodness for typing class. Without Laurie we would have been sitting ducks. Then there's Blair Efrid. Blair has a knack for art that is hard to beat. His eye for design helped photo and copy placement on each spread to be eye-appealing. But un-

derneath all of this staff, was the organizer and developer, Joanne McLaughlin. Without Joanne's commitment and hard work, you would have never seen a yearbook. Just as the spine of this yearbook supports each and every page, Joanne supported each staff member

Yeah, it was hard, but it was worth it. You've probably never seen such a drastic change in the appearance of yearbook as you have from last year's to this one, so enjoy it...there's more, much more to come!



Blair Efrid rushes to complete an idea for a layout. Having hardly any time between school, Academic Challenge, and work, Blair used almost every spare minute for yearbook designs

"Please ..... not another article. I am so sick! of all these. Can't I do something else other than this?" Carly Trader requests. Late nights all but heaped on creativity which left Carly with the job of copywriting





Late nights seemed to become a trend around deadline time. Frequent calls to friends for pizza runs and donut trips became the norm. Laune Daugherty and Joanne McLaughlin missed school one day due to a case of the "late night-early morning flu."



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Chris Shumaker and Antoinette Oley look proudly at their scholastic letters. Being first-time recipients adds to the thrill of being recognized for outstanding academic abilities.

Wow! Look at that! Wade Weis points in amazement as Herman Burrell finishes his program. The Business Applications class gathers around the computer to see the results.



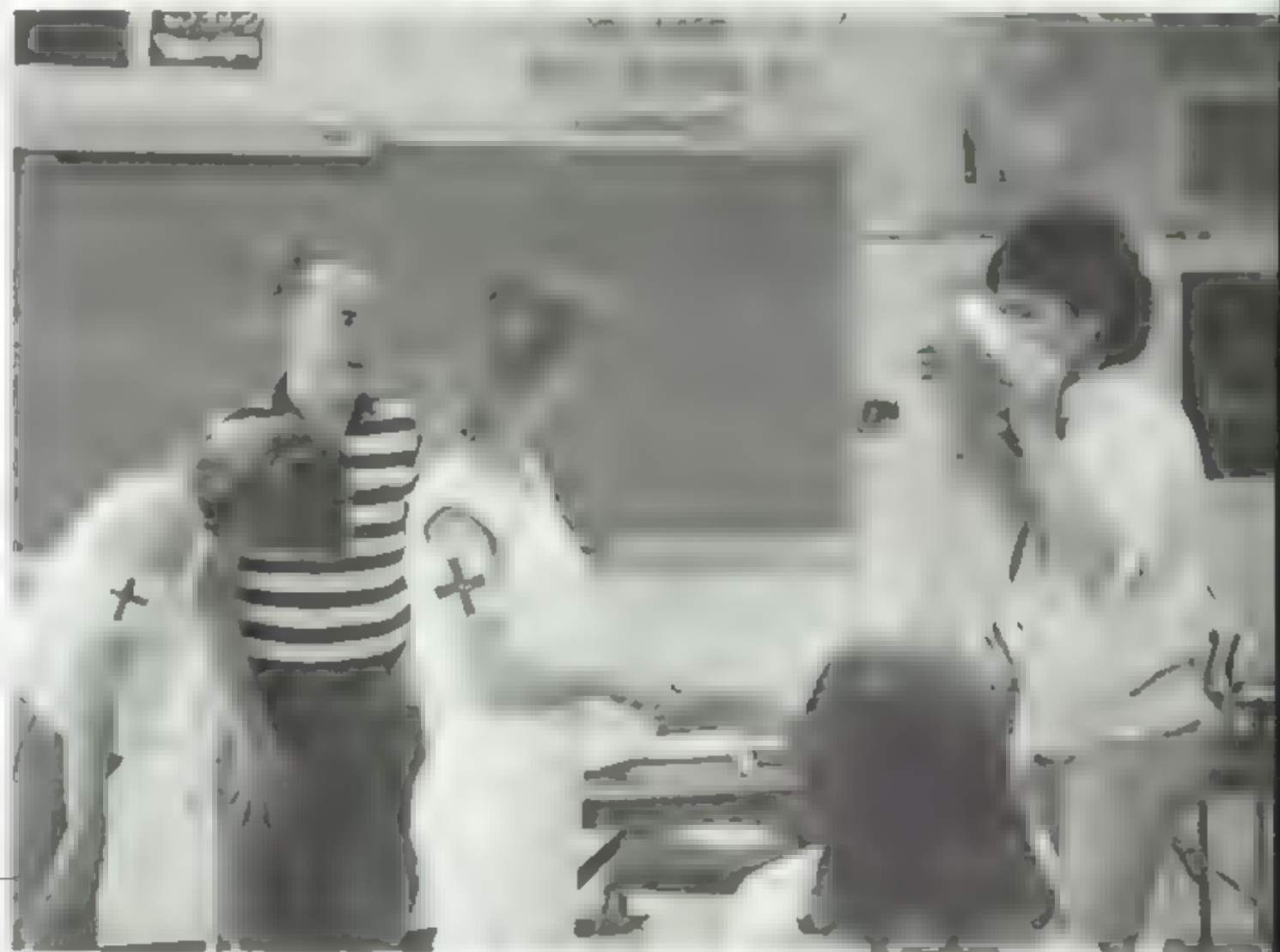
## Academics

No one could tell what would happen next in academic life. The homework that would be given, the field trips that would be taken, the new classes that would be offered, and the grades that would be received, all posed a big question in the minds of students and teachers alike.



My linda Howard demonstrates the effectiveness of the use of television by presidents. With this machine, the President can communicate effectively with his public

President Ray Adkins is nervous about his donating a pint of blood to the American Red Cross. As a service the President always donates the first pint of the year



Life is not all lectures

# Note-taking Trivia

by Charles Bowery

Our newest addition to academics was an Advanced Placement curriculum in English and History. AP classes were designed to prepare students for the realistic academic responsibilities that colleges create for students. Jodi Hudson's reaction to the curriculum was typical of most AP students: "The tests and quizzes help you to study more accurately. Accuracy helps you pick out the necessary content information required for extensive learning." Both AP classes, English 12 and U.S. History 11, required much writing. Essays and research papers were typical homework assignments for the year.

English literature was the

focus of AP English 12. Mrs. Pinelli required an extensive reading list to be completed before school started in the fall.

Juniors focused on pre-revolutionary history up to modern history in the AP History class. Lectures dominated this classroom, but after all, isn't college basically lecture-oriented? Mrs. Martin's lectures encouraged extensive note-taking by her students. "I don't like taking notes every day," commented Tommy Ellis. Even though many students shared the same sentiments, most learned from the experience.

AP classes were not the only ones having fun while learning. While dancing the

Charleston in AP History, Government classes were experiencing their own way to learn.

Academic and general classes, forerunners of the AP classes, are the basis on which AP classes were developed. So, don't think that lectures and note-taking are the only things that we can do in class. Mrs. Gulick's government classes demonstrated their knowledge by doing short skits about the roles of the president.

Lectures do have their place in the classroom, though. Blair Efrid's reflections on the value of AP History were pretty accurate: "The challenge is an adventure."



Doing the Charleston was definitely a diversion from the typical day in AP History.

Brian Hodges, ready to hang Garfield, is interrupted from his endeavor by President Robert Tas, who pardons the feline.

# Experience the real world Field Trippin'

by Carly Trader

While you were working on classroom worksheets and tests, we were touring the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Yorktown, and enjoying the Spanish folklore ballet. For the first time in a while, students had the opportunity to experience a little part of the real world. Instead of a limited classroom experience, we could experience the check-clearing process, impressionistic art, and the battle of Yorktown. We could also experience a little bit of Spanish culture that seemed so many miles away.

Students came back from the Federal Reserve Bank \$80 richer. There was only one

problem...the \$80 was shredded money destroyed by the bank's shredding facility. Check clearance became a novelty instead of an inconceivable process that took place many miles in some desolate building.

Students were able to visit 1776 and the battle of Yorktown that went with the times. The Revolutionary War became alive and exciting as we saw the battle in our minds on the battlefields that surrounded our imaginations.

And what about the Museum in Richmond? The experience with various mediums in art class became more realistic as we saw how they were applied by famous

artists. With our somewhat vast knowledge, we applied what we had learned to the world that surrounded us.

Without going to Spain, we were fortunate to see and experience Spanish culture. What influence has that culture had upon us? And what influence might it have? These were questions that we focused upon as we watched dancers interpret the culture that seemed at one time so vague to us.

So you see, school is not limited to a group of buildings. We were able to see and sense and experience a world that is soon to be ours.







Lisa Yount was astonished at all of the facilities that the Federal Reserve Bank had. From check clearing stations for every district bank to cash shredding machines, the workings of the bank intrigued further investigation into careers at the bank.



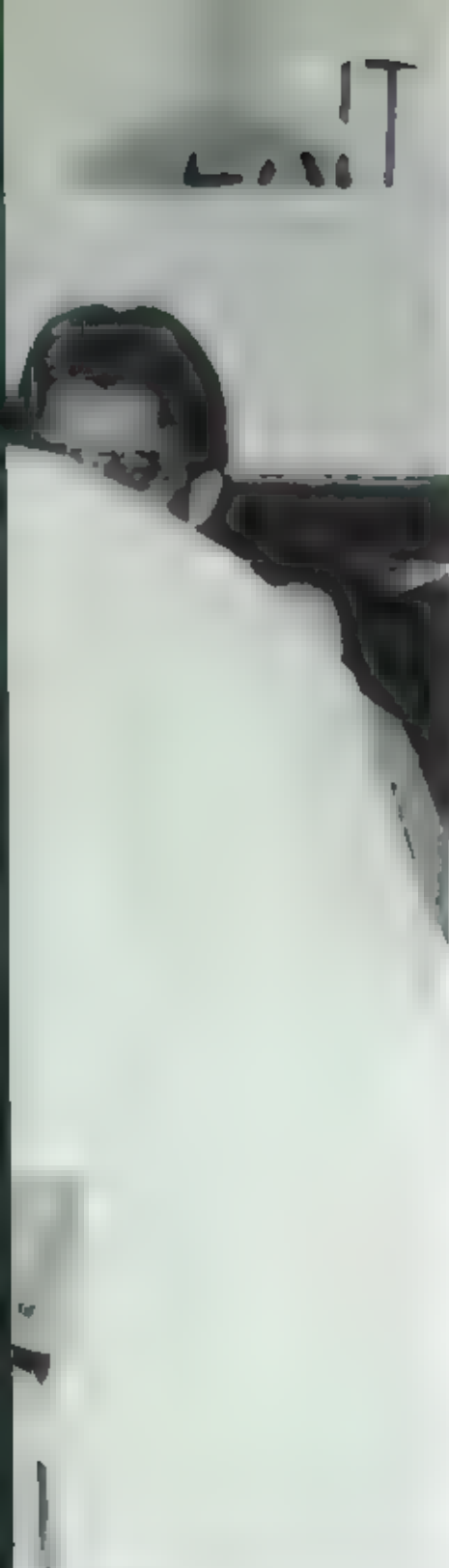
Student Government Day found students field tripping all around the county. Interns for the Sheriff's Department toured the dispatching facility. Once the tour was completed, students were shown the on-the-road aspect of the job in different parts of the county.

The excitement of the ballet encouraged conversations about the effects of Spanish culture on the American way of life. Many students found similarities as well as differences.

Like a part of any wedding, a rehearsal is important to the success of the ceremony. Mike Trader and Norma Powers, groom and bride, respectively, rehearsed their vows they are to repeat the next day

"I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride." It only took that statement to prompt groom Mike Trader to seal the commitment he has just made





*Don't mock this one*

## Wedding Day Jitters

by Allison Smith

Bride's magazine, in most issues, includes a timetable for the preparation of a wedding. For the Marriage and the Family class, preparation took six months. Not just to arrange a photographer, purchase bridesmaids dresses, rent tuxedos, or select flowers, but to learn about the home and aspects of being a marriage partner and parent.

Many relevant topics are included and discussed in the class, but none as meaningful to students as their participation in the 'mock wedding'.

Just as May and June brides are really walking down the aisles of churches, Norma Powers walked the aisle of the gym in front of about seventy-five spectators to become the

'wife' of Mike Trader

It all starts in late March. Those students who want to play a certain role put their names in a hat to be drawn out at random. Miss Kehoe helps each student in the wedding party get fitted for dresses or tuxedos.

Invitations orders, flowers selected, and decorations purchased are taken care of just like a real wedding. Music is provided by a student soloist and accompanist, Mrs. Jones.

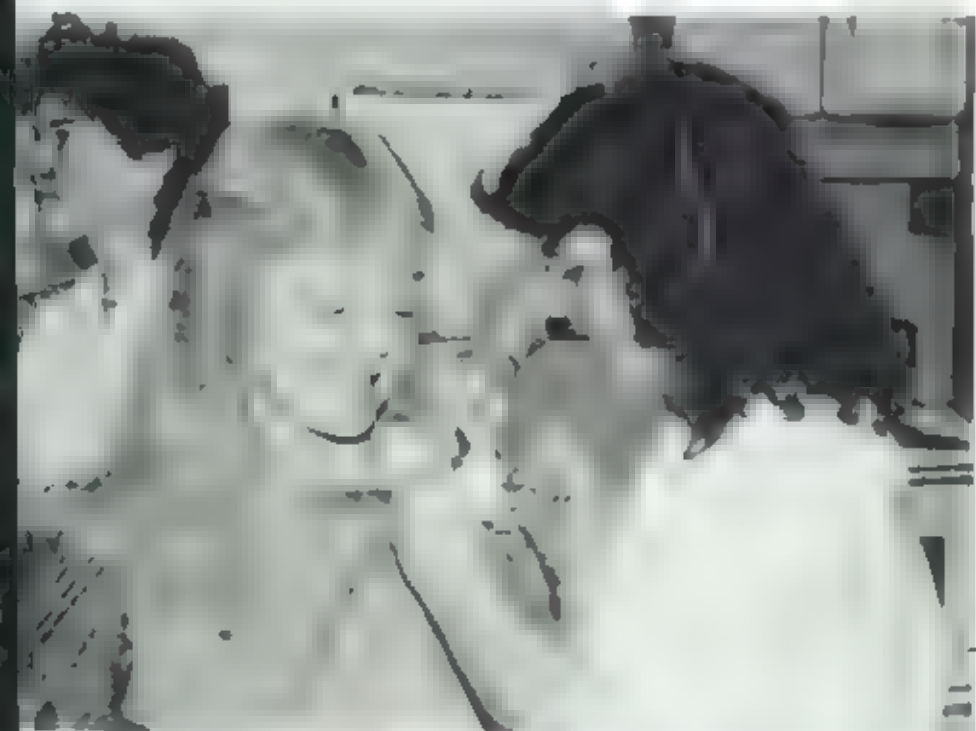
The big day is here. And this groom is as nervous as a real groom. Those "am I making the right decision to get married?" feelings begin to take shape deep in the pit of his stomach while the bride is more concerned with the

thought of everything going as planned.

Groomsmen are first to make their way down the aisle. Bridesmaids follow behind, only to lead the ring bearer and flower girls down the same path. As the bride enters with her father, guests stand for her as she makes her last walk as a single girl.

After the ceremony, the wedding party and guests are served at a reception catered by the Life Management Skills class. "This food is really good," one guest exclaims, only to note the great deal of work and preparation involved in this endeavor.

So, you see, you can get married at an early age without Mom and Dad's permission.



William Gammon, wedding soloist, chose the "Wedding Song" as his selection. Accompanied by Mrs. Jones, William sang several selections.

Miss Kehoe helps the mother of the bride, Stacey Whitehurst, with her corsage. Even little things like these take time.



*Special abilities of special people*

## Winning Medals with Spirit

by Allison Smith

Special Olympics has expanded into a program in which students can participate during the year. These special athletes who are involved are able to demonstrate their abilities in bowling, basketball, and track and field events at area and state levels.

Athletes who participated in bowling earned first place ribbons for their abilities. Those two Saturday afternoons spent practicing must have helped tremendously for this area competition.

Track and field competition was another big event. Once again athletes traveled to Richmond to compete on an area level. The competition was tough in the 50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter, standing long jump, and shot put events, but the athletes proved themselves by bringing home first, second, or third place ribbons for their events.

Four of the students were able to compete at the state level with athletes from all over Virginia. The games were held at the University of Richmond, and the athletes were able to spend the weekend in hotels in Richmond. Not only were they thrilled with their gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded to them during the competi-

tion, but they were equally excited by rollerskating, horseback riding, swimming, and dancing with 2000 others at the Victory Dance.

Special Olympics participation has encouraged learning outside of the classroom. Along with the competition came new friends from all over.



Antoinette Oley received a bronze medal for her track and field abilities. Antoinette, a frequent special olympics participant, has won many other medals for other events.

Chris Shumaker received a surprising hug from an unknown special olympics spectator. She was proud of his abilities, and by the look on his face, he appreciated her hug.



Saben Dean and Antonette Otey participated in the tennis event at Special Olympics. They also competed in other events during the year.





Chemistry students Taylor Moore and Anissa Jones frequently use a warm water bath in a beaker heated by a low flame to heat chemicals. Chemistry labs help students to apply what they have previously learned in lectures.

Shannon MacLaughlin and Tammy Boyd made Spanish dishes for their Spanish class to taste. Several students in Mrs. Altman and Mr. Goodman's classes prepared food for a cultural project.





No books or homework

# Curlers and Saws

by Joanne McLaughlin

No books, no homework, and you don't even have to bring in paper and pencil. Hands-on learning is where it's at. When students complete their education, they leave for a job where they have to apply the knowledge they have gained.

Richmond Technical Center is the place where so much of education is practical knowledge. Sure, there are really books students use and some homework to do, but most of the experiences provided are validated through learning while working. Cosmetology students Laverne Harris and Sherrn Allen plan on a career in

cosmetology after graduating from high school. RTC teaches them chemistry for application in their field. They have several major haircuts to perform before they can graduate.

Robbie Forrest took dental hygiene at RTC. Now she's working for a dentist part time and will continue to work for him during her senior year. "RTC has helped me learn a great deal," Robbie said. "I can finally apply what I've learned to something I enjoy."

Other courses at RTC include small engine repair, auto body painting, welding, and metal fabrication. Roughly,

about one-third of the junior and senior class attend classes at RTC.

But regular high school has its advantages, too. Whether it's chemistry or physics, typing or word processing, students find areas that are readily applicable. "Chemistry labs have helped me to understand more about what we've learned in chemistry problems," one student commented. "We built a laser and tested it out in class one day," exclaimed Todd Curle. "And you should have seen it work!" That laser was phenomenal.

Many students take

accounting to help equip them with a strong bookkeeping background. Pat Adkins commented about the accounting simulation project at year's end. "Yeah, it was hard, real hard, but Mrs. Bell had taught us everything we needed to know so we could complete all of it." "That simulation was a real test of what we learned," confided Laurie Daugherty.

Art students took a field trip for one of the first times in several years. Their trip was to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where students could see how different mediums were

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Philip Frazier is amazed at Mica Manson's pottery creation. Many students thought that the pottery unit in their art class was the most interesting of the year.



## Curlers and Saws

used in art. Miss Radcliff gives students opportunities in class to experience working with various forms of art. Whether chalk, pencil, or acrylic paints, art students are able to learn the effects of each of these through their own experiences. Many art students start out in Art I, go on to Art II, and then take Advanced Art.

Choir and band are also classes where participation is extremely important. Small parts of knowledge are

learned, then applied. Brian Evans tells us that the first thing he learned in choir was how to read notes. "If you can't read notes," he says, "then you can't possibly remain a consistent part of the group."

John Moore has been a member of AISIA since eighth grade. Now, in his third year, he says that Mr. Deavers' industrial arts classes got him interested. Shop classes experience building things from 'the ground up'. With this know-

ledge learned and applied, a student may find he has a gift for carpentry and go to RTC to complete a carpentry certificate.

"These types of experiences are important in educating the whole person," Miss Carlton said. "Without them, we would have only the knowledge learned from books. These experiences give students the opportunity to see in progress exactly what they have learned."

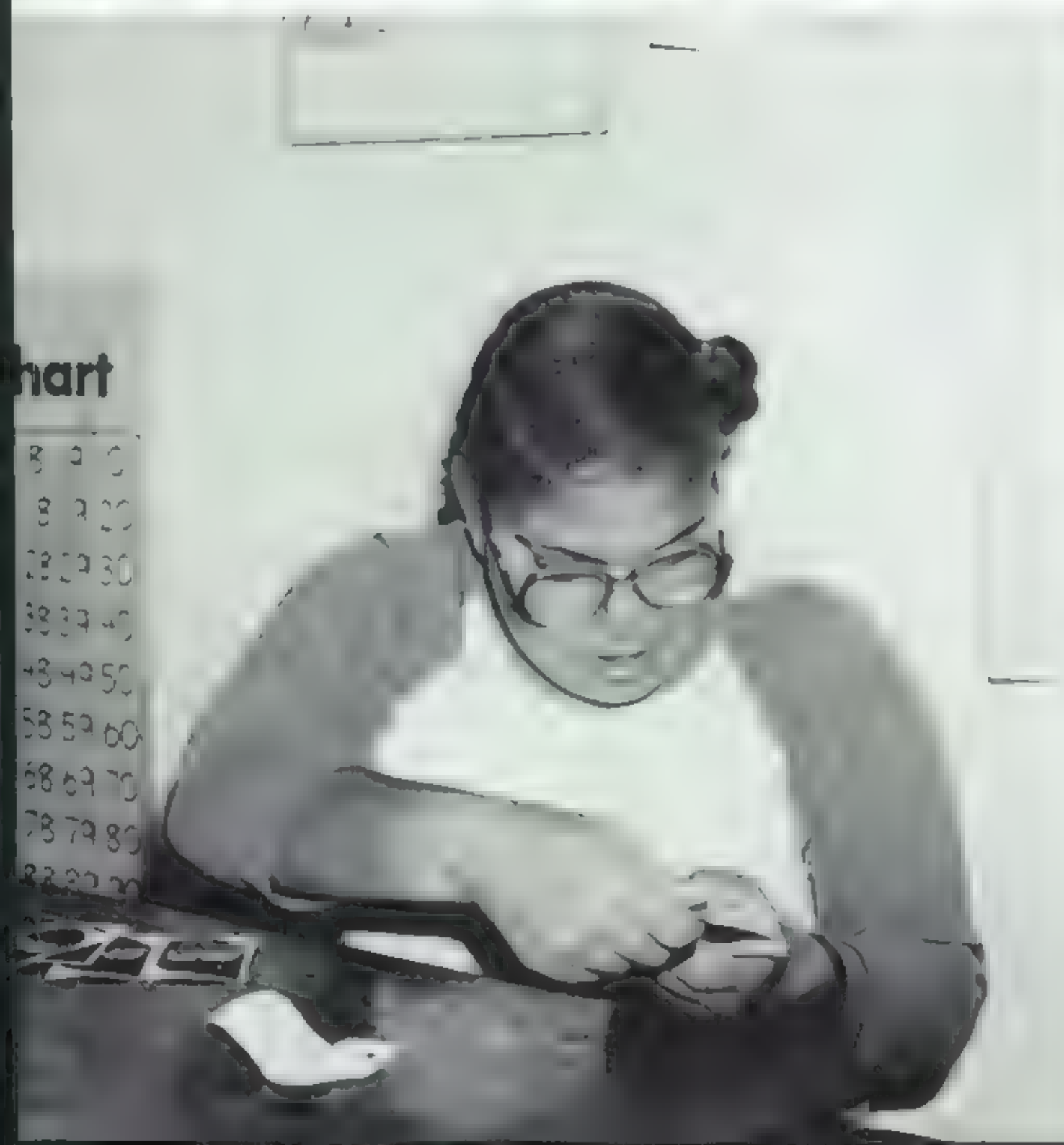


Dennis Shifflet repairs a small engine. As an RTC student, Dennis is faced with these types of mechanical difficulties every day.

Antoinette Otey plays 'Uno' in her math class. Playing games like this help her to remember numbers and colors.



Mrs. Costa's World Geography class learns more about geography by drawing and coloring continents on a world map. These students can now tell you just about anything you would like to know about most countries around the world.



SIP classes would not be the same without the annual Halloween party for the primary school children. Charlene Hill was one of several students wearing clown make-up who helped the children carve a pumpkin for the event.





During her fourth period English class, Ms. Lee got a surprise birthday party from her secret pal and students. It came as a thoughtful reminder that she was approaching twenty

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Wade Weis tries hard to show his support, while Tammy Felts tries hard to show up in the picture



## Personalities

People pose the ultimate challenge in predictability. "The opposite sex is totally unpredictable," Robert Tas said. You never know what to expect from someone one minute, when the next minute they've changed their mind... again! This also proved to be true of best friends who didn't know what to expect from each other

# Those Super Seniors

Ever been to class ten minutes early to see Robert Asbury there already? Or have you ever ridden in Mike Trader's car? Or better yet, have you ever noticed Annette Gillen's eyes?

Well, these three and more are winners of our annual Super Seniors Selection. And who elects them? You do. Every senior has the opportunity to elect who they feel fits each category explicitly.

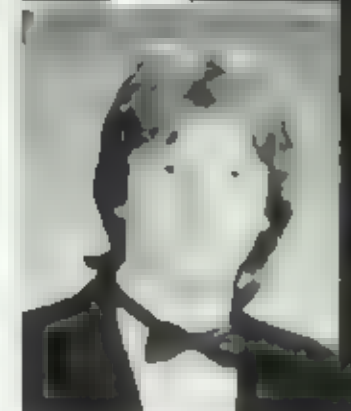
E. J. Johnson is known all over the school by freshmen as well as seniors for his clowning activities. Whether it's making a crack in class or performing antics in the cafeteria during lunch, he always seems to bring smiles, laughs, or snickers from his admiring public.

Or what about Ted Wallof and Barbara Foley. They recently had an exciting "one-on-one" basketball game in the gym. Can you guess who won? Ted, of course. As the class' tallest member, he had no trouble rebounding shots to score points over '87's shortest player.

But if an amateur performance is not what you want, you could always find Todd Curle, our most athletic, playing foot-

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Tracy Baldwin's habit of being late resulted in her new habit of washing blackboards several times each week. Tracy's tardiness record has broken all previous tardy records.







Amy Adams  
Angela Adams  
Beth Adkins  
Pat Adkins  
Raymond Adkins



Shaun Adkins  
Chris Asbury  
Tracy Baldwin  
Shern Barbour  
Troy Bigley



Sam Bowery  
Margaret Brindle  
Bena Brown  
Debra Brown  
Kendall Brown



Darrell Cahoon  
Denise Caldwell  
Gary Caricoffe  
John Carlson  
Maunce Carter



Kelly Chestnut  
Melissa Christian  
Shaun Christian  
Tammy Christian  
Chris Ciejek



Chris Clay  
Charles Cooke  
Paige Coughlin  
Sherry Crenshaw  
Todd Curle

# Those Super Seniors

ball, basketball, or baseball Todd seems to have had the all-time record for sports participation for his class during his academic career

Oooh! Those legs. If you've ever been to the beach with Robert Tas and Nicole Ciner, you can judge their legs for yourself. Gorgeous they are.

Tracy Baldwin has the record for the most detentions. Not only was she consistently late this year, but she has surpassed even the great few before her. If you've had the privilege of staying after school for sports practice, extra help or for a club meet-

ing, you've probably seen her around washing and rinsing chalkboards and desks

Then there's Robert Asbury. No, he's not late. Never is. Always on time. Thank goodness there is still someone around who manages to never earn any detentions during the year. It's great having Robert arrive at class on time. But ten minutes early means he has to leave his previous class early. Oh, well.

John Carlson is known for his mellow attitude toward academics. Voted as the laziest earns him the repu-



Laure Daugherty  
Teresa Dobson  
Tracey Edwards  
Debbie Ellis



Kathy Farmer  
Barbara Foley  
Mike Gephart  
Annette Gillen



Teresa Glenn  
Victor Golderos  
Shannan Gray  
Lila Gunn





tation of "cruising" through school. Lazy, no. Just a relaxed kind of person

Typing class would never be the same without Mike Gephart. Mike's intelligence helps him speed along those keys. Most academic Mike doesn't keep him from participating in sports and other extracurricular activities. He's one who literally balances his books

Those eyes. Those

John Carlson finds a few spare minutes to take a break on the couch in the Home Economics room. Spare time is hard to find in a student's schedule

beautiful eyes. Yea, Maurice Carter and Annette Gillen managed to sweep this award away. Maurice and Annette definitely know the meaning of eye contact. Without it, they would have never caught your attention

Paige Coughlin is known as the class' most original dresser. Her unique wardrobe helps to add a little sunshine to everyone's life. Yesterday she wore a new old army fatigue jacket. Did it match her other clothes? You bet! To complement Paige, Carolyn Ward, our conservative dresser puts on her best oxford button down shirt, a khaki



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Geoff Haden  
Shelly Haislip  
Ashley Harwood

Charlene Hill  
Sherry Hipkins  
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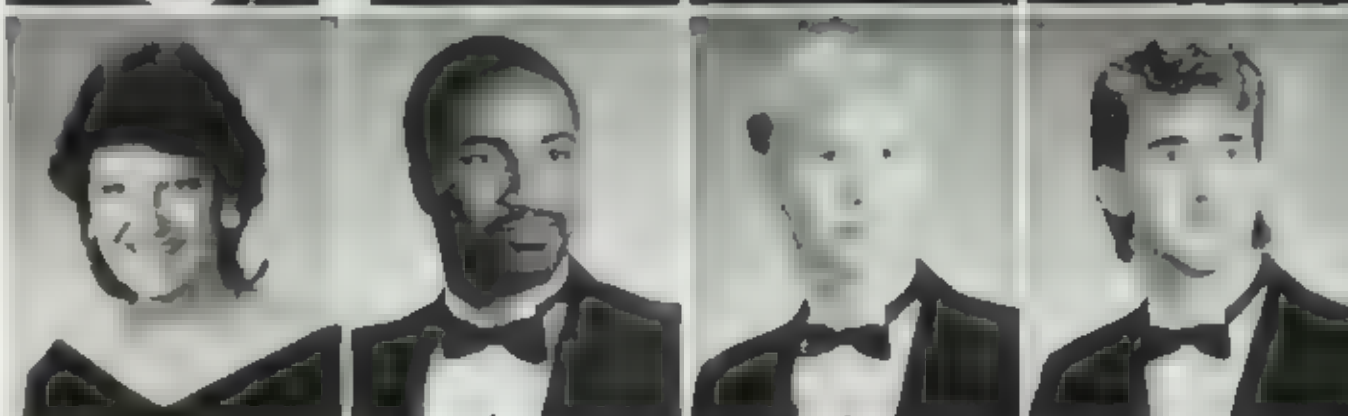
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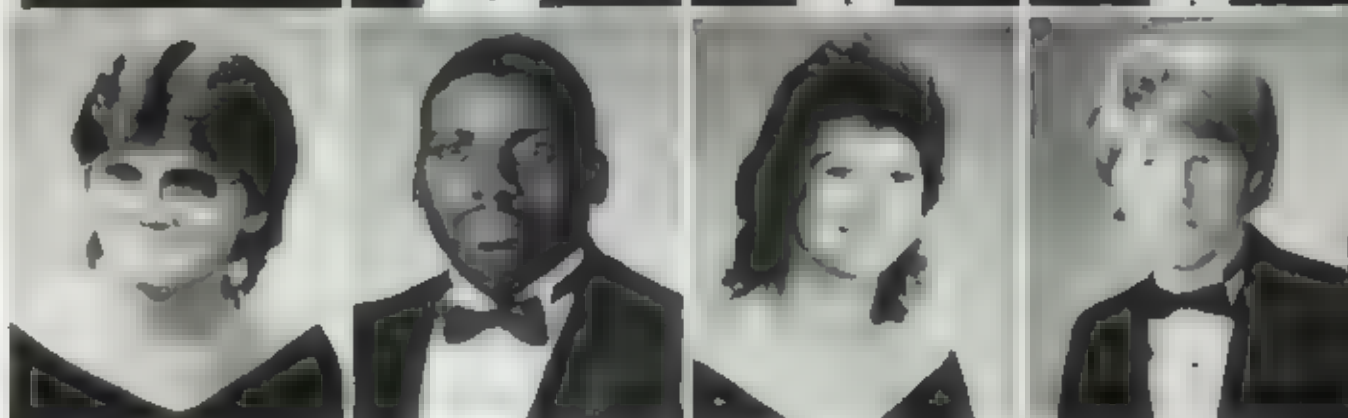
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Beverly Jones  
Charles Jones  
Will Kahn  
Charles Lange  
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Darlene Lyon  
Chris Macon  
Lisa McGonigal  
Jodi Monahan  
Mark Moon



Patricia Moran  
Chandra Otey  
Sandra Otey  
Kelvin Paige  
Doug Phaup



Michelle Philbates  
Norma Powers  
Norman Powers  
Dennis Shiflett  
Wendy Simmons



Donna Sly  
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## Super Seniors

skirt, and penny loafers Carolyn exemplifies the epitomy of New Kent's wardrobe

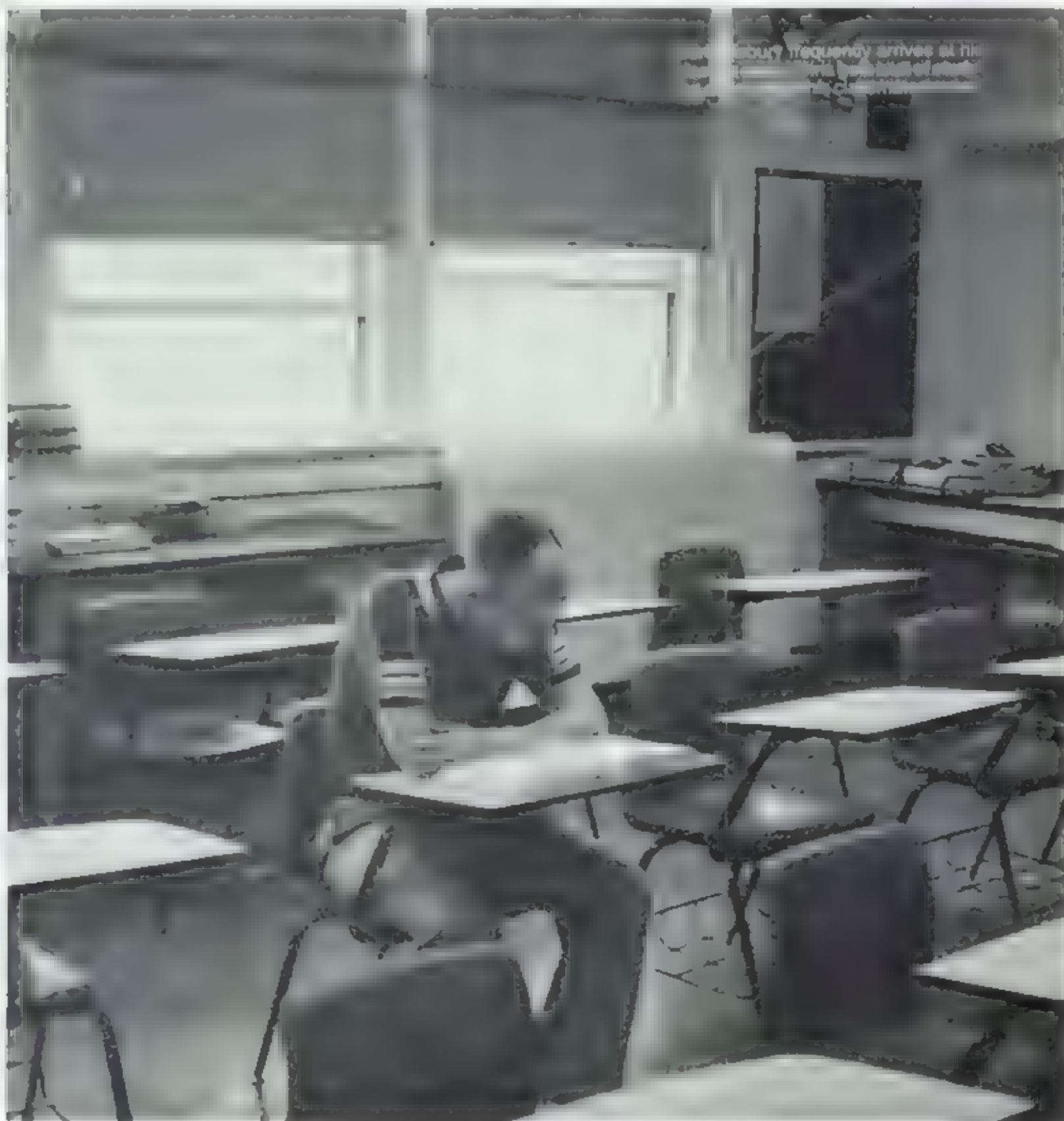
Dances would not be complete without Wade Weis Wade's moves on the dance floor at the prom prompted others to join him. As the class best dancer, Wade has managed to always get a date to a school dance or T

Finnegan's

Donna Sly has how many jobs? Last summer Donna spent almost everyday at one of two places—Sears or the county transportation office Working over forty hours a week helped to replenish her pocketbook. She IS the hardest worker we know

Seniors know that between Ricky Ciner, most outgoing,

and Debbie Ellis, most talkative, that never a dull moment passes at school Ricky can be found boosting enthusiasm at pep rallies or football games, or asking girls out in between classes. Ricky was also nicknamed "Mr. Involved" due to his active role in so many organizations. Debbie talks

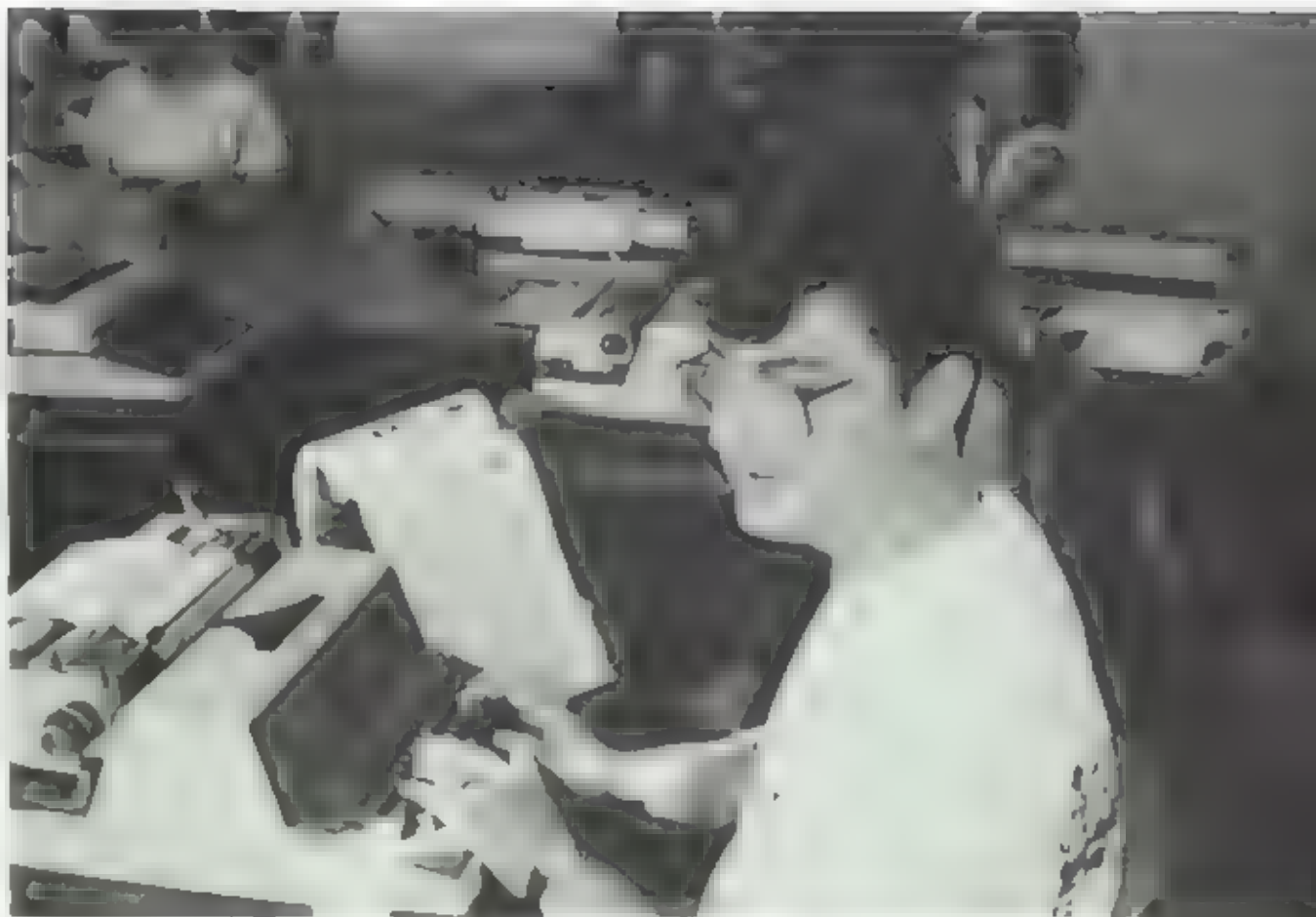


# Super Seniors

and talks. But be sure, she definitely livens up the conversation. Her conversational abilities have kept classes going

"Yes, Kelly. You can make up the test Thursday," Mrs. Shepard consents. That voice just seems to get to so many of us. Kelly's ability to "sweet talk" teachers and students has earned him an award for being the class' friendliest member

Don't expect Moses Upshaw and Tracie Jefferson to be together. Moses has flirted with many girls who flirt back. But Tracie—she's shy. Really shy. Tracie's shyness, like



Mike Gephart finds typing class stimulating and interesting. He believes that everyone should be able to type. It helps the financial burden of paying someone else to type papers for you in college.

"Mrs. Shepard, do you think that I could get some help today on this Trig?" Sure, Kelly. He's glad to help. Kelly Chestnut continues his sweet talking habit with teachers and his friends.

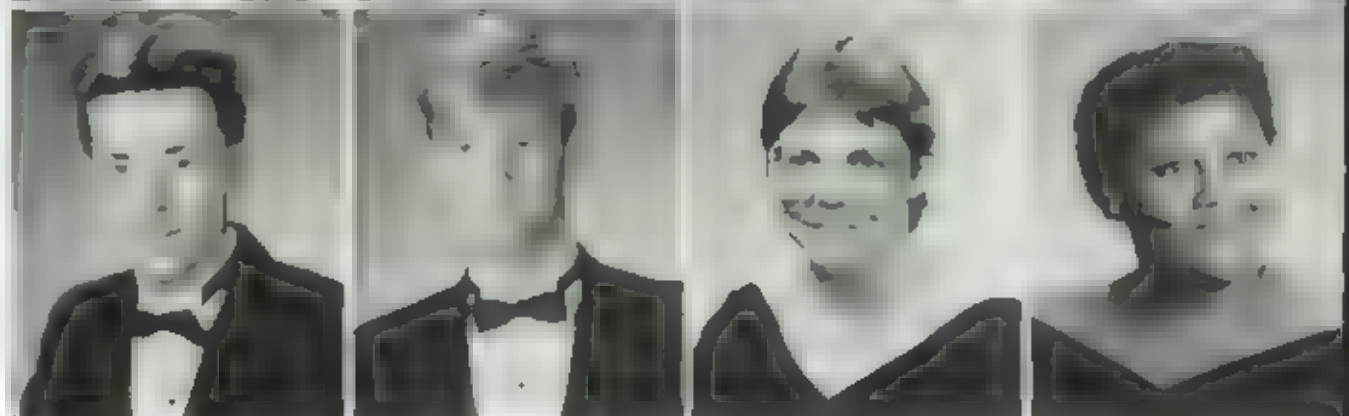
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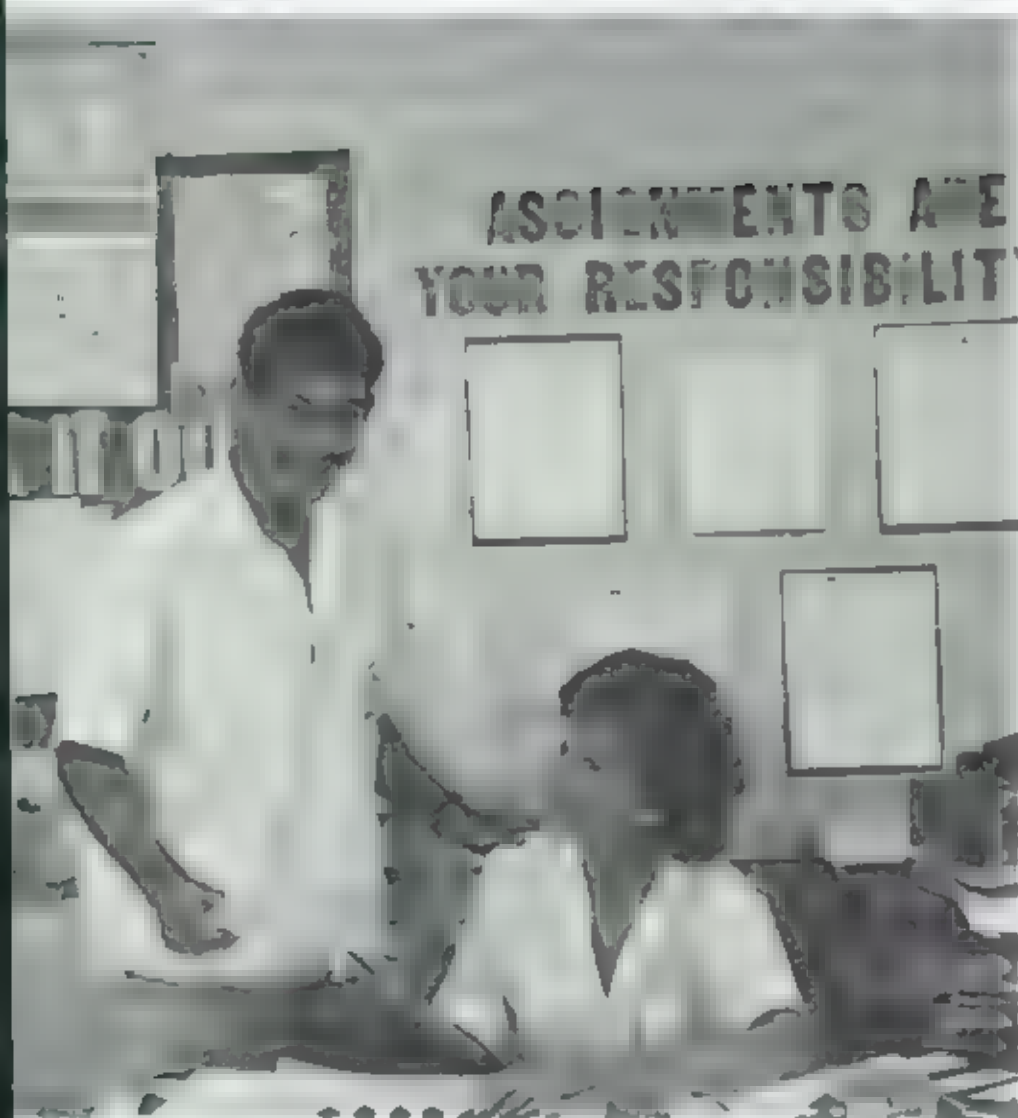
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Sandy Tyrone  
Moses Upshaw



David Wagner  
Ted Wallof  
Carolyn Ward  
Annette Washington







Moses' flirting, has resulted in a lot of unpredictable and unexpected situations recently

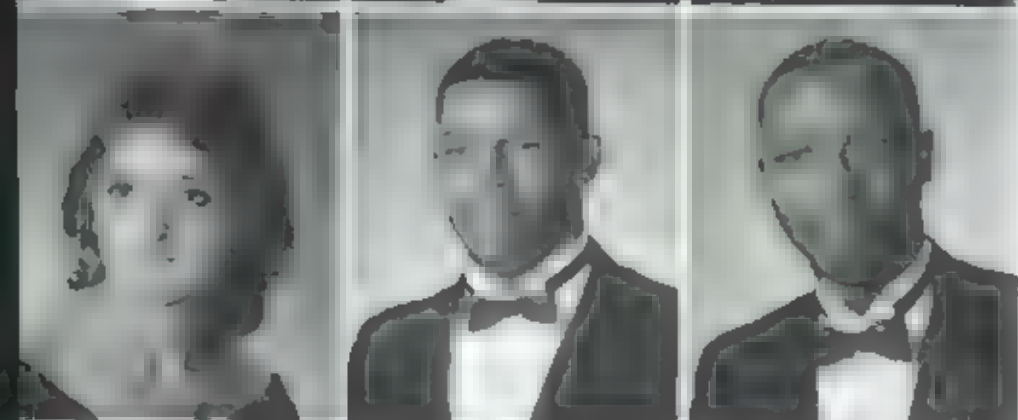
Margaret Brindle is the school's greatest off-court cheerleader. Her enthusiasm adds spirit and exuberance to football and basketball games alike.

Ever ridden in Mike Trader's car? No?! What kind does he have? Who knows? But Mike did receive recognition for having the best car in the senior class

So, what do you think? Pretty accurate, right?! We thought so. Although many people could have filled the shoes in many of these categories, and as unpredictable as these selections were, they are the classmates and friends that you chose to remember for a long time.



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Wade Weis  
Kim West



Becky Whitehurst  
Bernard Williams  
Wesley Williams



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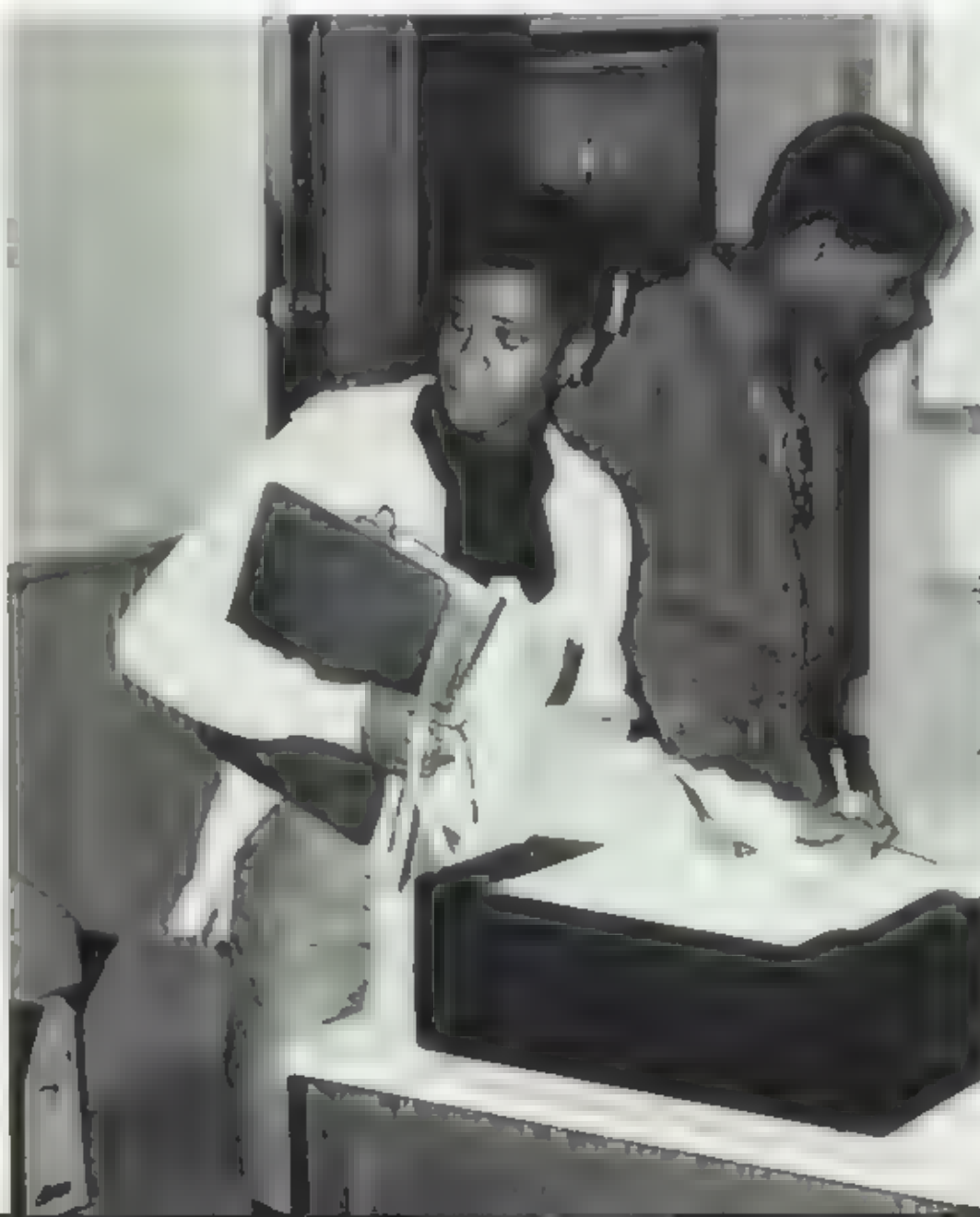
## "I Don't Feel Tardy!"

Being late for class is nothing new in a student's hectic schedule. When put on the spot, everyone has a favorite excuse to use. Billy Manning relies on the typical "My locker wouldn't open," line. Dionne Otey blames others. "Joey Williams pushed me off the steps and I lost my books." "I got sick in the bathroom," is Scott Overmire's excuse. Carly Trader got creative. "Someone stepped on the back of my shoe on the stairs and it fell off and rolled down the stairs. When I went to get it, I tripped someone else and had to help them up and I never found my shoe, but the teacher wouldn't believe me."

An average of ten students arrive to school late daily. Excuses range from "I had to take my mom to work" to "I overslept." Ricky Ciner took his chances with his excuse "I had a flea dip appointment."

Late homework is another reason to make excuses. Rose Hall uses "I had to go to church last night." "The lights went out" is Nicole Washington's line. Ms. Curle finds the most used excuse is "my mom put it in the washer and then the dryer." Finding the perfect excuse usually takes some imagination and thought, of which most students are capable.

Glancing at the office clock, Sue Brown wants to know how late she really is, while Ricky Lemons waits impatiently. Getting to school on time is hard, especially when a test or big project is scheduled for that day.





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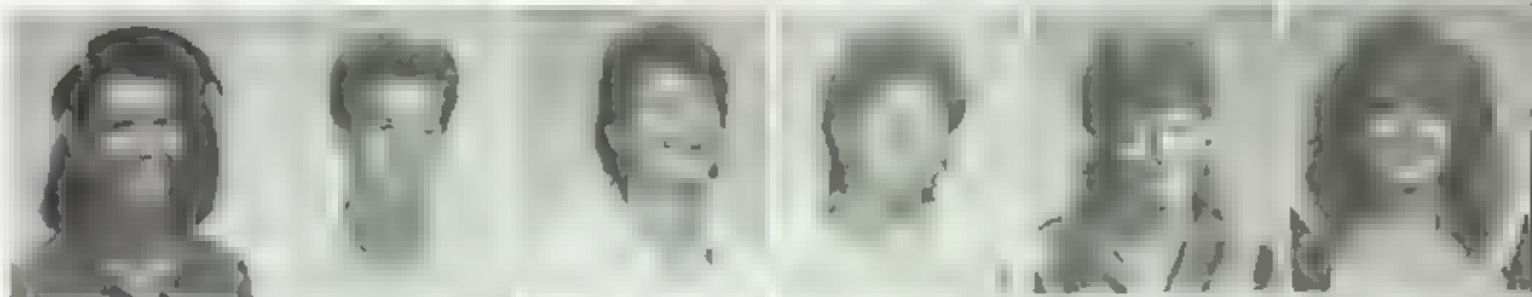
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Charles Bowery has trouble keeping his eyes open as he gets dressed for the day ahead. Thoughts of new homework and an afternoon of track practice add to his apprehension

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Melissa Bowery (11)  
Roxanne Bowery (9)  
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# It's 6:45 and They're Off

School, work, and home. They make up most, if not all of student life. But for most teachers, it's what they live for. The beginning of the school year for most students is full of curiosity. Curiosity stemmed from the teacher and class will be like and the number of friends who share the class with them. After a few weeks, or days, in some cases, the daily routine takes its toll on students and teachers alike. So, what do your friends and teachers do on normal, typical days?

Junior, Ken Fisher says, "My day starts off at 6 am. Even though I get up early, I still have to rush to make it to school."

To most students getting up at 6:00 would seem a little early. But most would agree with Ken if asked what their day would be composed of.

"A normal school day for me is trying to do my work, daydreaming and taking it easy in

some classes."

"After school if I'm not participating in baseball or soccer I usually watch a little T.V. and study."

Another junior, Chris Appell, has a similar schedule except that "I wake up at about 7:30 am which means I really have to rush to leave at 8:00."

After school Chris participates in the most popular sport. Ask Chris what that is and he'll tell you in two words: "I work."

What about the eighth graders who have no work to turn to but housework and other chores or if they're lucky J.V. sports?

To Trey Guthrie his day consists of "getting up at 6:00, trying to work in school and to play around some, doing chores, and playing around some more after school." So you see, school, work, and home do agree with the typical day



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## (Con)Temporary Graffiti

Before and after school and sometimes during class, students use the chalkboards as graffiti boards. To get the latest gossip on who loves who, just check a chalkboard. Students use the boards to write their favorite music groups, songs, and lyrics.

Any feelings that need to be expressed can be found scribbled across the board. Artwork is also displayed, ranging from dogs to cars to portraits of friends.

Although some teachers allow students to express themselves, other teachers strongly oppose it. Sometimes, this is because they've just washed their chalkboards, but usually it's because they hate erasing. "I like looking at people's artistic abilities in my class" said Mr. Jernigan about the chalkboard graffiti.

When there's nothing better to do, pick up a piece of chalk and get creative. It's better than bumming around.





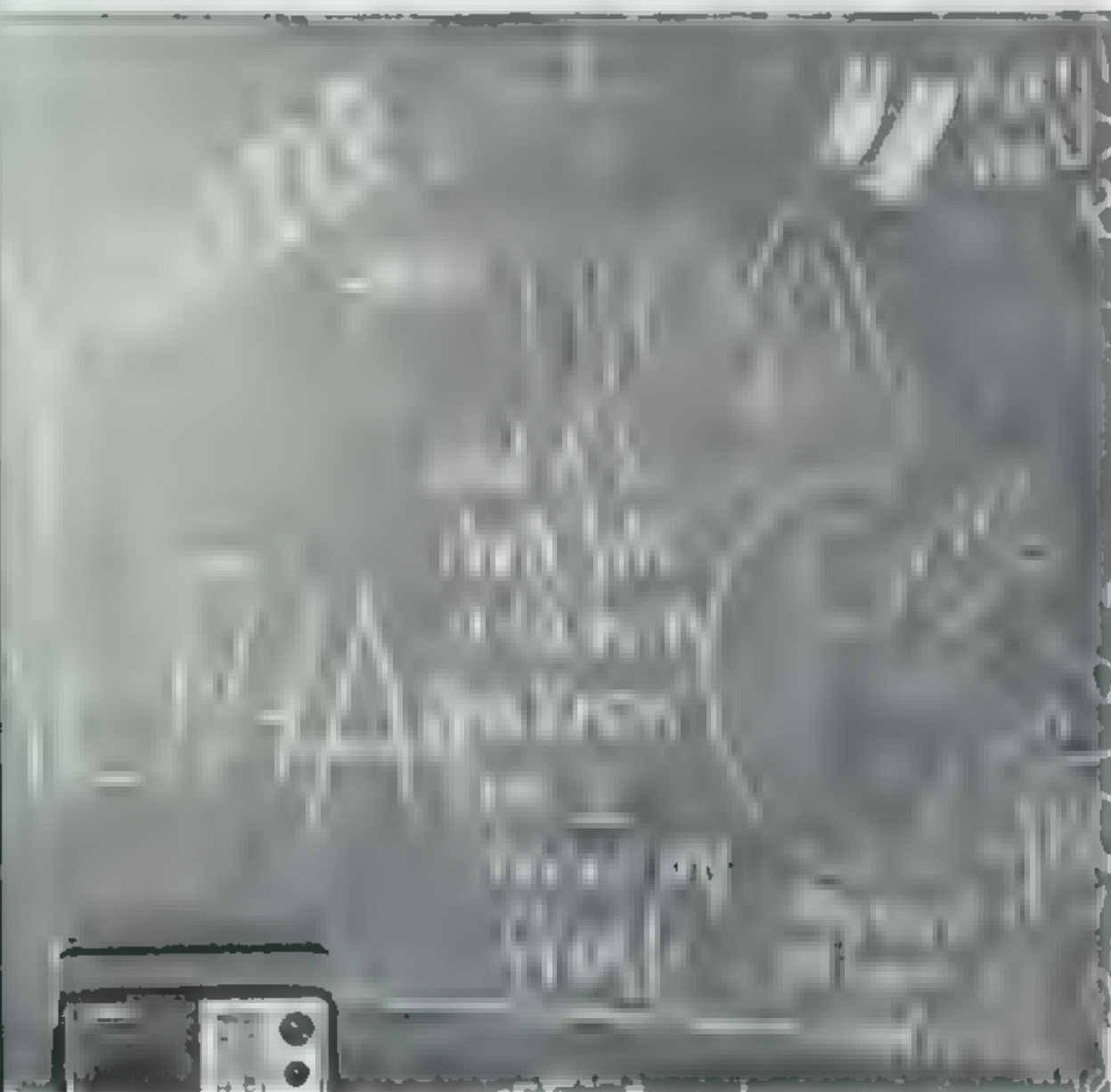


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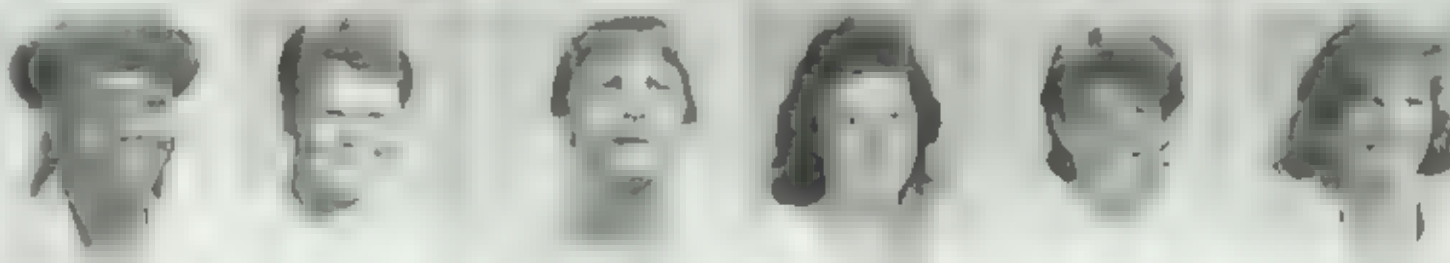
Artistic mood--created by several  
 anonymous students who agree that  
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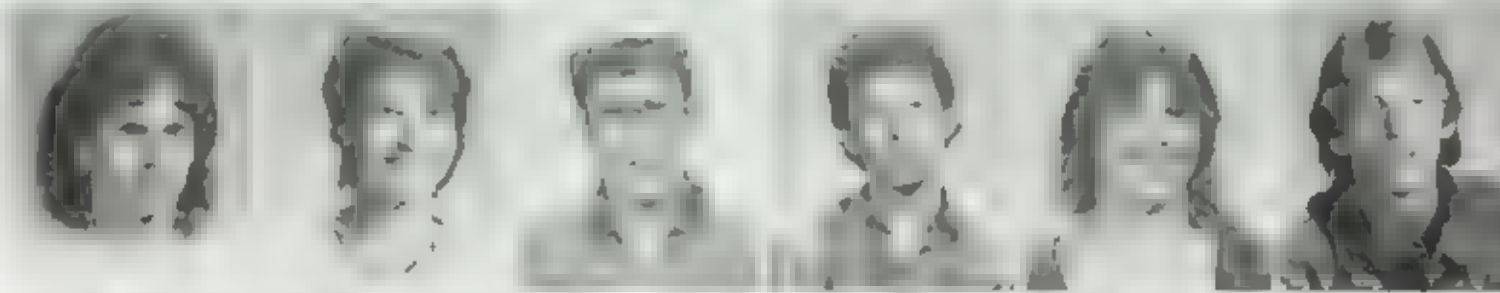
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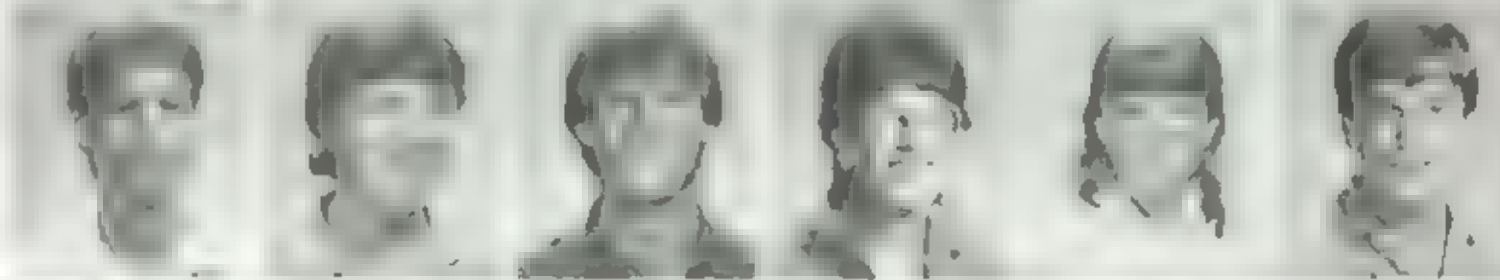
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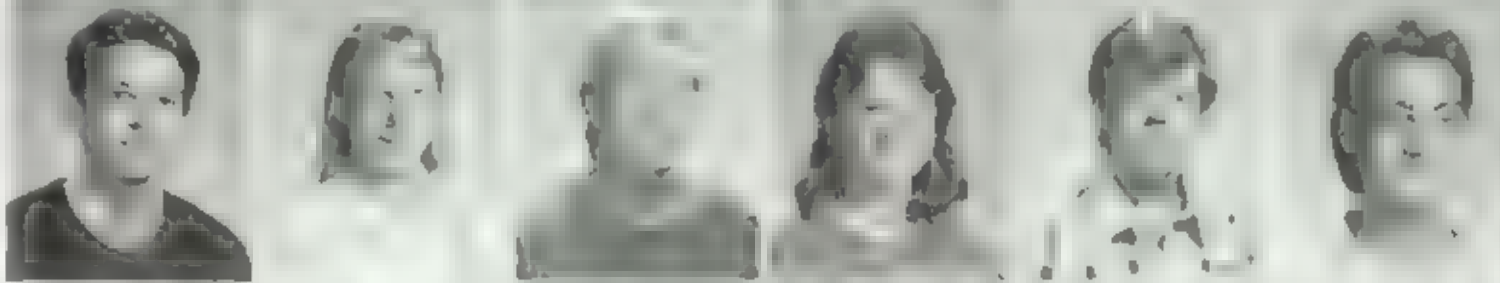
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# Hunting High and Low

With the recent area drought and increased stamps in deer stamps on big game, the hunting season was greatly affected. Hunters found that fewer deer were available for hunting. As a matter of fact, many hunters were left with less than their limit of deer.

To many, hunting is a cruel sport. These people feel that animals are defenseless living creatures that hardly have a chance for survival. But hunters enjoy the sport of seeking out game.

In order to take or kill one of these game animals, a hunter must rise early in the morn-

ing to go to the woods. Most hunters are up and waiting for their victims long before daybreak. A few even scout out deer habitat to study them before hunting season begins. They believe that a deer has certain patterns it will follow if undisturbed.

The only way to see a deer is to go into the woods with a positive attitude toward hunting and to be willing to stay out all day. Hunting techniques differ for each game. A hunter who wants to be productive should understand the animal he hunts and he must respect it.



The experienced hunter, Steve Haislip knows that getting up early in the morning to prepare to find his game is necessary to participation in the sport. Steve has been hunting deer and small fowl for several years and has been fortunate in his endeavors.

Travelling through thick undergrowth, Sam Bowery begins his search for something to hunt. Being especially quiet is an important part of hunting. Sam, like many others, enjoys the thrill of the hunt.



# Go Skate or Leave

Skateboarding hit big all around this summer. Although the county doesn't have many sidewalks, a few students managed to find various places to skate. Skateboards can be bought plain, which is just a deck, for \$35-\$40, or complete, which can cost \$140 or more. Accessories found on most boards range from noseguards which protect the front of the board, to griptape which provides traction.

Practically every board is covered with graffiti and stickers. Many sayings are representative of the owner's personality. Such sayings include "Schmitt Stix," "Bones Brigade," and "Mess with the Best." All skaters agree that scratches make the board look better.

Ted Wallof and Mike Trader prove that it wasn't easy to skate in New Kent "We got into trouble just skating in the parking lots and on sidewalks at several area busi-

nesses," Ted said.

Most skaters believe that skateboarding is here to stay. "We've got a ramp in New Kent now; it's picking up around here," Jason Keckler said. Skaters said that it was easy to learn. The easiest trick is the tic-tac where the board is moved from side to side by lifting the nose and pushing down on the back.

None of New Kent's skaters wore knee guards or helmets. All skaters have accidents, even though they claim skating is easy to learn. Chip Leftwich says his worst accident "was when I came off a bank, landed and hit a rock. The skateboard landed out from under me."

Most skaters have been skating for one to three years. "Actually, I've been doing it since I was eight," Ted said. When asked about the future of skateboarding Chip said, "Of course, it'll be back." Jason said, "Skating is here to stay."

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Mark Frye (11)  
Leslie Garner (11)  
Kim Garnett (10)  
Shawn Gatling (9)  
William Gay (10)





Chad Traylor does a handplant down the ramp in his backyard. Chad's ramp is used by many of his friends to practice skateboarding. Skating is a great way to exercise and have fun.

Coming off the ramp, Jason Keckler lands skillfully. Skateboarding became very popular this summer and having a ramp in the neighborhood was a necessity. The lack of sidewalks in the county did not keep the students from skating.



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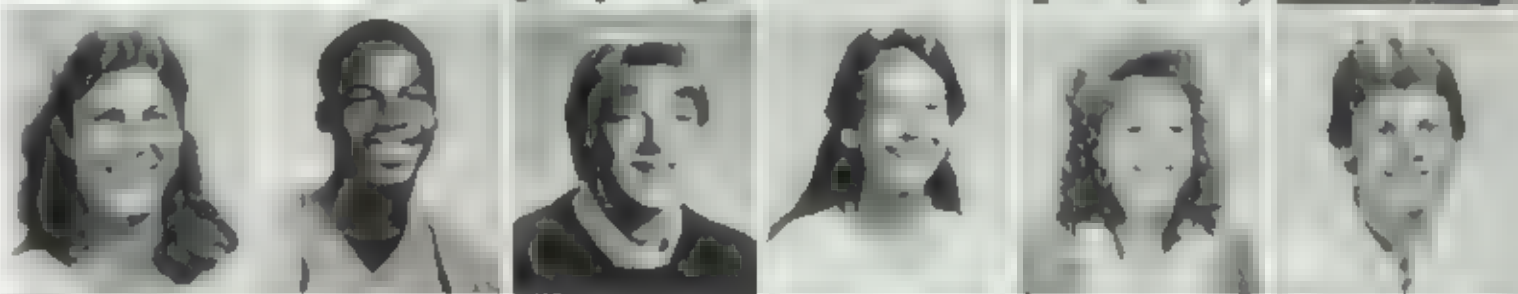
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## Is This Really Worth It?

Today people are becoming more aware of the importance of exercise. Many exercise to stay in shape and tone underworked and overtired muscles, but there are some who feel that daily exercise helps them to release stress and pressure. Almost everyone exercises in one form or another every day whether it be running to catch the bus or walking to class. There are many different types of exercise such as aerobics, jogging, jazzercise and weightlifting. The majority of students who weightlift feel that there are not many opportunities to exercise without weights. The high school gym was available to students on weekends who were trying to

make exercise enjoyable. Students and faculty realize the benefits of exercise, and are trying to make the community more aware of these benefits through sports participation and therefore provide the gym on weekends.

Several students stated that their self-image was boosted after exercising and this was an easy way to rid themselves of energy in a profitable way. Alisa Boroughs stated that, "Exercise makes me feel better about myself and when I have a problem it helps me to get rid of stress." Another student said "exercising makes me feel good about myself."

Straining hard, Paul Powell uses the weight bench to strengthen his leg muscles. Working out keeps Paul physically fit and in good shape



# Been to the Bus Stop Lately?

What does the word 'bus' signify? A vehicle used to go back and forth to school, full of noisy primary schoolers? Of course everyone would rather drive to school, but only a lucky few are able to. Cars are expensive and some students do not have licenses. Some buses are a great way to socialize. Students compare homework before school and talk about T.V. shows, dates, and other things on the way home. Usually, everyone has an assigned seat, but it does not matter if the assignment is with a friend.

Bus drivers are a major influence on bus riders. Some are strict and do not allow yelling, but others are more lenient and are con-

sidered friends. Tammy Felts says, "I find it a challenge to keep peace on my bus, but I get great satisfaction from it." Laurie Daugherty uses the bus for other reasons. "I study for a test or do homework. I also like to catch up on sleep on the way to school."

Beside normal school buses, there are tech buses that go to and from RTC and activity buses that carry students to designated stops after staying after. RTC bus rider Charles Jones finds that tech buses are a good source for conversation with friends. Buses do not allow as much freedom as cars, but they are great for socializing.



Using one seat as a back rest and one as a footstool, Russell Holder lies his high-top on the way to school. On the way to the Richmond Tech Center, many students finish preparing for the day.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is available to Brian Hodges only because he is on a school field trip. Students were not allowed to bring walkmans or disc players to school on the bus.





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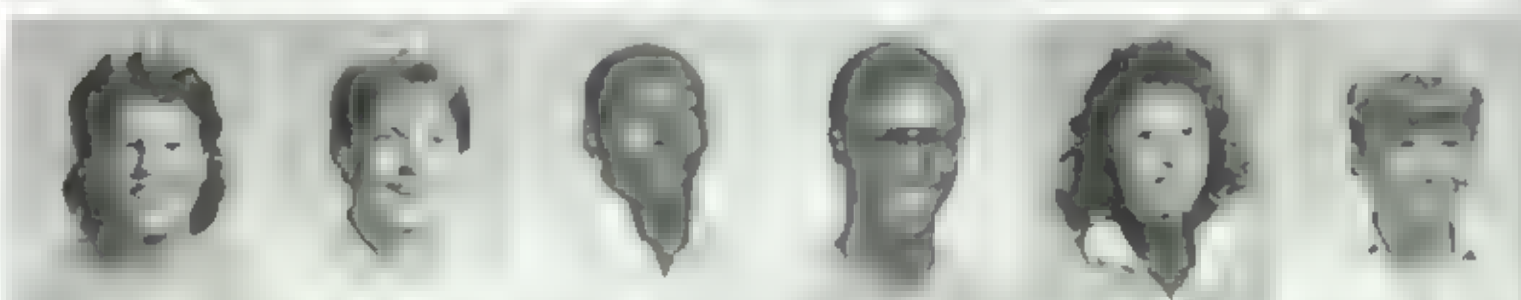
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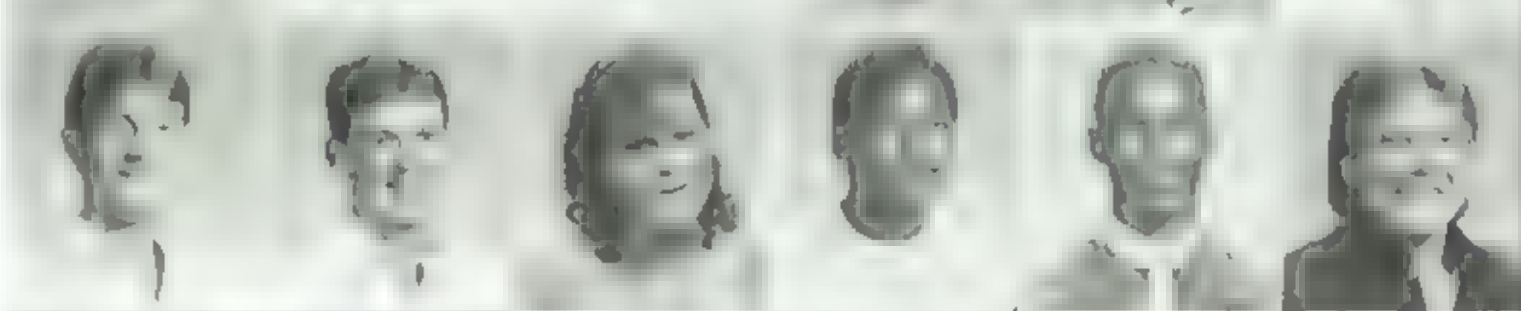


Jodi Hudson's favorite hobby? Ballet of course. Jodi finds that ballet is highly stimulating. Ballet is one of the many cultural influences found in all areas of life.

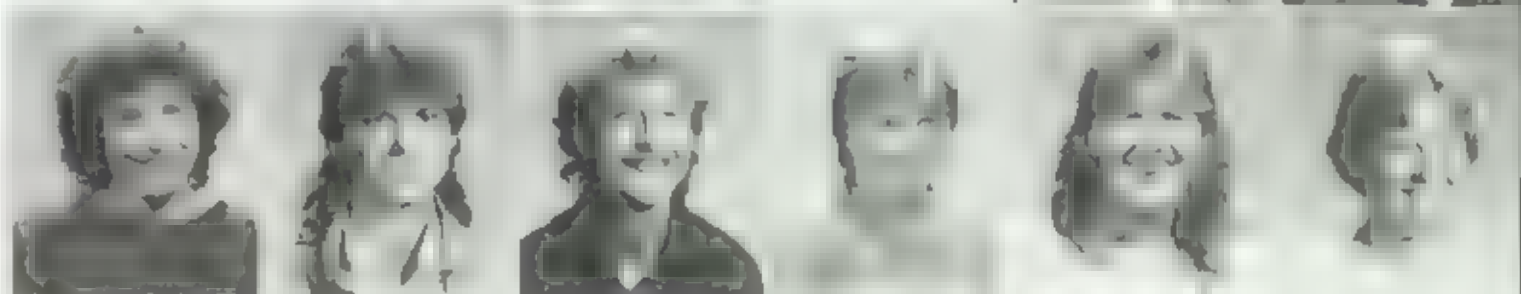
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# Whatever Turns You On

Have some spare time? Well, students have some bizarre hobbies to entertain themselves. For fun, hobbies range from sunbathing to building snowmen. Because of the county's unique location, everyone has developed their own personal hobbies. Many students agree with Johnny Gregory and Tammy Wooten. Here in the community "you can do just about anything and there's usually a friend or two you can get to go with you."

Hobbies for the usual include sleeping. After a long week at school, some find it a necessity to take naps or to go to bed early. "That's for winter months, primarily," said one student. "Many others tend to disagree with the philosophy that sleeping is necessary. These students find plenty to do in their spare time that holds their interest. Junior Jodi Hudson finds ballet a fascinating hobby. Without it, she feels incomplete. Jodi says that "ballet is my outlet to let out frustrations. I

also like the arts, so this is the perfect hobby."

Other students feel that procrastination is their best and most favorite hobby. Without the art of procrastination, students could not just blow off time. Next to this favorite hobby swimming and dancing or exercising were popular with most everyone. Some students are fortunate enough to have nearby pools to swim at frequently. Skiing also ranked high among the athletic. Winter downhill and summer water skiing prove to be accessible to many.

If downhill skiing is not available, hunting is. Without hunting, life would be typical of metropolitan areas. An old hobby that is a comeback is skateboarding. And of course, America's favorite pastime, watching TV attracts all students. On the weekends, bowling fans and movie goers can be found. And last, but definitely not least, another exciting hobby is eating!



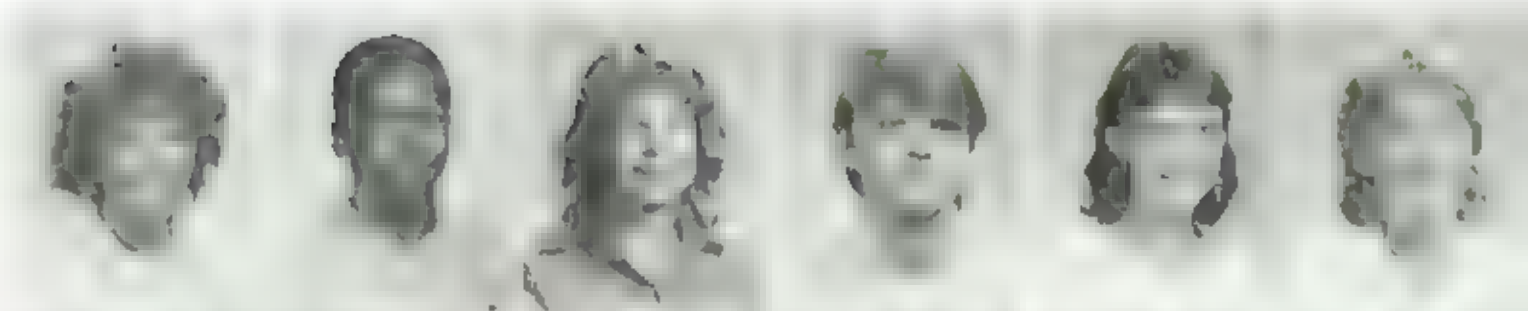
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Bedrooms reflect individual tastes and personalities. Carly Trader's bedroom reflects her interest in contemporary music and soft, cuddly objects.







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Kim Peddicord (9)

## “It’s My Personality, Mom!”

Bedrooms! What are bedrooms? Well, you sleep in them and store clothes in them, but what else is a bedroom? Everyone loves to express their personalities, and bedrooms are the perfect place to find out things about people that you never knew.

Have you ever thought about putting your phone on a milk can, or your globe on a wall? Bill Wood did. You could surely figure out someone’s personality with purple being the dominant color and ballet things everywhere. This is the way Whitney Sulcer expresses herself through her bedroom. But many teenagers’ rooms show a different side of themselves. With rainbows surrounding her room, you would never guess Heather Beverage is so aggressive in sports.

Most high school students spend hours in their bedrooms, whether it is listening to the radio, doing homework, or just getting away from the world. Sarah Doucet spends great amounts of time in her bedroom, which has some unusual things, such as strings hang-

ing from her closet to braid that will keep her busy. Shawn Gusti has made his room into his own place with a weightlifting area and a type of living room surrounding his bedroom, which is where he spends the majority of his time.

The condition of a bedroom is an interesting thing to find. When taking a look at Rusty Powell’s bedroom, you’ll find it spotless, from motorcycle posters to girl’s pictures, everything is in place. Lisa Tyler’s room is slightly less organized. Clothes seem to be finding their way out of closets and drawers, but with Alabama posters everywhere, she says her room is a great place to relax. Ken Fisher also finds a great place to relax in the living room chair that sits in his bedroom where he cleans his guns.

A bedroom is something that everyone has, but all are different depending on who are, which is why bedrooms seem to reveal many things about a person and it is something that you can always call your own.

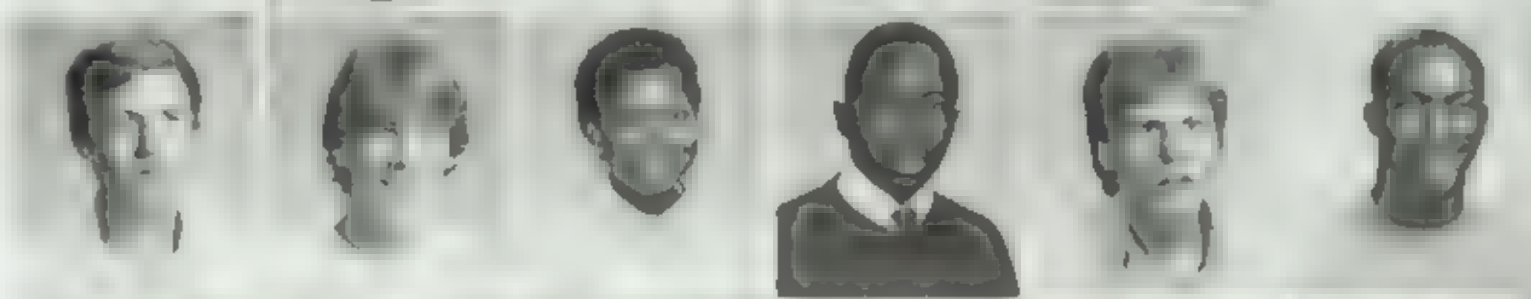
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# Personal Signatures?

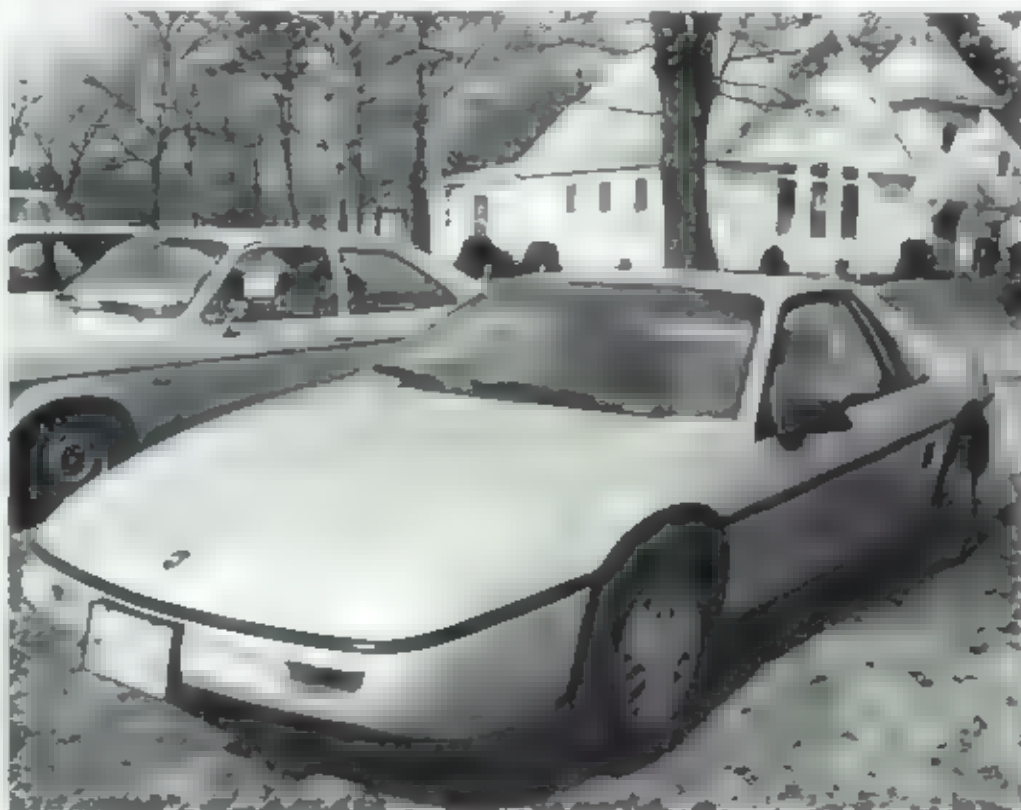
"Hey, where are you going after school? Will you give me a ride?" are the familiar words in the parking lot. Driving, the most desired sport of all teenagers, is the dream of every teenager. They can't wait for the day they turn sixteen. Some save for years to buy a car. They wish for "anything with four wheels that can stop and go!" Others make a joint effort with their parents. Some work hard to make honor role so their parents will buy a car for them. But regardless of the means, a car is a prized possession.

Many students went as far as to personalize their cars. Dennis Shiflett, for instance, put DENKUS on his plates. "With my Dad and

brother's help," he worked day after day to make his '76 Mustang II what it is today. R. HOGGE is placed on the rear end of Robbie's '79 Sunbird. "I call it Blue Bonnet," he said

And we can't forget those vehicles with two wheels. Shawn Gust's dream...a motorcycle. "I worked all summer to buy it, it's the only thing I can say I ever bought!"

Then we have Taylor Moore with his HOT Z28, Allison Jones with her 8AJ8 and last but certainly not least Blair Efird with his favorite show Dynasty, but the "y" wouldn't fit so COLBYS it is! Blair left with this, "There is no way on this Earth I can pay my insurance!"



Greg Gresham is one of the lucky few who are able to drive sports cars to school. His silver Fiero makes a lot of used-car owners jealous.



Scott Lipscomb shows pride in his truck through his personalized license plates. The dirt spotted bumper shows he puts his truck to good use.







Double vision? Identical twins Eileen and Vicki Couch confuse many people by dressing alike. The two sisters share many things, including matching schedules.



Diana Tas (9)  
 Marcus Tate (8)  
 Chad Taylor (10)  
 Gerard Taylor (9)  
 Kelvin Taylor (11)  
 Marshall Tetterton (9)

Allen Tharrington (10)  
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 Keith Thomas (10)  
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 Rhonda Thorne (11)  
 John Todd (11)  
 Shawnda Toier (11)  
 Burt Torrence (8)  
 Gene Torrence (8)

Sherri Torrence (11)  
 Carly Trader (10)  
 Dee Tucker (9)  
 Shannon Tucker (11)  
 Canty Turner (8)  
 Tammv Tyrone (10)

## Bustin' Loose

Walking to class, has there been a little more pushing and elbowing? Is "Excuse me" being heard a little more often?

Because of the large number of eighth graders entering the school this fall and also because of the unusually large number of new students in all grades, the halls, the cafeteria, classrooms, and parking lot are a little more cramped this year. The addition of more lockers in the L.A. building gave students some relief from the squeeze of

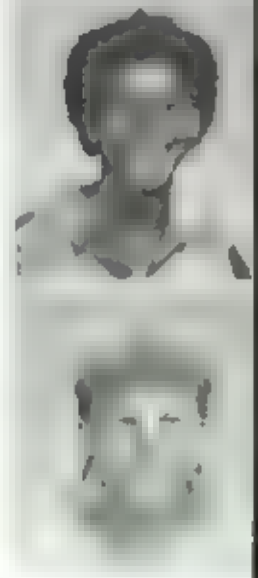
sharing lockers with four or more people.

The cafeteria staff has tried several different approaches for handling the lunch shifts, but a good portion of lunchtime is spent waiting in line for something to eat. Getting to school late means taking a few more minutes to find a parking space and walk up to school.

The school's overcrowding does have a good point. New faces break the monotony of seeing the same old people.



Squeezing through the gym lobby students struggle to get to class on time. Walking to class got harder this year with so many new students arriving.







Karen Uhler (10)  
Melinda Verlander (11)  
Linda Vitale (9)  
Robert Wade (10)  
Tina Wade (9)  
Susan Waggy (11)

Tracy Wagner (10)  
Alex Walden (11)  
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Andrea Walker (11)  
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Lorri Walker (10)

Scott Walker (8)  
Carol Walton (9)  
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James Washington (8)

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Nancy Willis (8)  
Karla Wilson (8)  
Eric Wingate (9)  
Jill Winston (8)

Tonya Winston (11)  
Bruce Witherspoon (8)  
Jill Wood (10)  
Cathy Wood (9)  
Kevin Wood (8)  
Scott Wood (10)  
Johnny Woods (11)

Andrea Wooten (8)  
John Wooten (8)  
Jeff Wright (10)  
Lisa Wyndham (11)  
Ray Wynn (11)  
Tanya Yates (11)  
Elicia Yount (11)

# Clean Desks

"A clean desk is a sure sign of a sick mind!" Ever heard that on before? Probably. Well, with teachers, it definitely applies. How many sane teachers do you know who keep their desks neat? I can't think of one. Papers, grade book, pens, pencils, reference books...they're all there taking up more and more room every year.

Take a look at Mrs. Mercer's desk. Have you seen it clean once this year? Well, maybe the one time it was clean was the very first day of the year. If you've ever noticed the drawers of her desk when searching for a pencil to loan, you've probably noticed that the inside appearance matched the outside appearance.

Take Mrs. Bell, for example. An instructor who is as good at individualizing instruction as well as she, deserves a break. She must have 1,000 papers to grade every night that sit on her desk until she leaves. Her desk is somewhat neat after she leaves, but doesn't remain that way for very long after she arrives the next day.

Mrs. Dickerson's desk has a lot on it, too. Some students commented that her desk reminded them of office desks in doctors' or dentists' offices. Well, doesn't she have that right, I mean to keep her desk that way? After all, she does teach business. And what better way to emphasize the importance of having all of your important things at your fingertips

than to have it filed under "I know where everything is."

Mrs. Curle asked for shelves to be installed last summer. Why? She says "it was to help keep everything organized." How true. Mrs. Curle must have tons of handouts to help her students learn, but where in the world could she ever put them?

I'm sure that there have to be some teachers with clean desks. After all, what are file cabinets for?

Maybe they're wrong. Maybe the people who said that "a clean desk is a sure sign of a sick mind" were wrong. After all, even teachers who have neat desks must be somewhat sane. They're here teaching us.



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Mrs. Dickerson's desk is typical of many teachers' desks. Emphasizing the importance of education opposed to the neatness of a desk, many teachers find only time enough in their schedules to plan lessons, teach, and grade assignments.



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# Teachers' Pets

Have you ever noticed how one person in the class may get a little more attention than others? Well, it's true. And what are they called? That's right—they're the 'teacher's pet

But teachers have other types of pets, too. Take, for example, Mrs. Gulick. Now, Mrs. Gulick is infamous for her cats. She only started out with one just a few years ago, and how they have multiplied! And by geometric progression, too. Now, after picking up strays and allowing those to breed, she has about twenty to twenty-five of those fabulous furry felines. Little does anyone know that it's Mr. Gulick who loves them even more. Mrs. Gulick tells us that it is her husband who doesn't mind not spaying those lovable creatures. And why should they? They have adopted all of them as their kids

Mrs. Mercer's love of cats is just as great as the Gulicks'. But there's only one problem. She's allergic to them. "I have them all around, but I can't touch them. If I did, it would set off a continual sneezing convention." Fortunately for her, her secret pal knew just what she liked, so Mrs. Mercer received 'cat' gifts for holidays and her birthday

Mrs. Curle is a cat lover, too, but in a little different way. Her cuddling days are over, she says. Instead, she prefers to watch her cat sit on the back of the couch and open the back door with his paws. Many people can't believe it, but it is true. Just ask her son, Todd

Many teachers have the usual dogs or cats around their house, but Miss Radcliff has a pet bird. This is no ordinary bird. This is her friend, her confidant who listens to the events of her day and hungrily eats away at its food

Goldfish are the pets of Mrs. Bell's children. "Goldfish are just nice to look at," she says "You don't have to bathe them, walk them, or let them out of the house." Goldfish are typical pets for that household. Just notice Mrs. Bell's neatness. Cats and dogs just wouldn't do

Have you ever befriended a wild squirrel? Well, Miss White did. Not only was the squirrel willing to go to her for food; it was willing to be tamed for a household pet. Miss White told us that the squirrel doesn't exactly live in the house, but lives in a cage built for it by a friend

Miss West must have some of the most unusual pets around—two ferrets. Jamie

Ferret, two and one-half, and Kiri Ferret, only one and one-half, stay inside most of the time. Their diet consists of dry Purina Cat Chow...and sometimes shoe laces and human fingers. Those two playful little creatures have uninhibited personalities suited to almost anyone. Miss West did want a different type of

pet...and she got what she wished for

So you see, there are different kinds of teachers' pets. These animal-type creatures are not the human classroom type. And whoever you meet will be sure to have different type of pet that suits their personality



Miss Radcliff's pet bird makes great company. Like so many others, this teacher pampers her pet. After all, what would life be like without a pet. While most teachers have dogs or cats, only a select few have unusual household pets



Miss West takes her pet ferrets out for an afternoon of fun in her front yard. From the first time she saw this squirrel type animal, she wanted one as a pet. From the time that she purchased the first one, she enjoyed it immensely. Then, after only a year, she purchased a second one.



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Mr. and Mrs. Martin enjoy dancing together at various social events. As the junior class sponsor, Mrs. Martin advised the planning of the prom. This annual event is sponsored by the junior class. The Martins enjoy each others company immensely

Mr. and Mrs. Geron become flexible dancers as they dance the Charleston to a more contemporary 'Top 40' hit. Even though the music is not the same as it was at the time the Charleston was popular, the beat is similar and the Geron's make the best of the present moment







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## Teachers Just Want to Have Fun, Too.

Summer just wasn't long enough to invite friends over. No student friends, but teacher friends.

Just as quickly as the summer started, it ended. School soon became a daily routine with sometimes exhausted and frustrated faculty. So what did they do when the sun went down? Let's ask them and see.

Night always reinforces the sleep habit. After a tiring day, some teachers went home to a completely comfortable living room where, after a few hours of reading, they fell asleep on the couch. Others went home to catch up on daily soaps that had been taped on their VCR during school hours. And many went home to prepare and eat dinner with their families.

But what about those teachers on the weekends? What were they really like? Were their weekends full of the drudgery of grading papers and

making up tests to stump students during the next week? No way.

Richmond was the place to be. Without the variety of restaurants in the area, many teachers found an excuse to go out to eat. "Darryl's in the west end is my favorite place to eat on a Friday night after a hard week," one teacher said. Others found a wide variety of entrees at several restaurants in Richmond. Another teacher preferred having friends over to watch David Letterman. And still others preferred to rent a movie for the night.


While restaurants and movies may not be your favorite things of interest, some other teachers recruited friends to play Putt-Putt golf or to go to Virginia Beach for the weekend.

Then there were those teachers who were club sponsors and who were present at dances sponsored by their


organizations. Coaches, like sponsors, were visible at every game—home and away.

With the prom came a lot of excitement among the junior class. Invitations were sent to teachers who looked forward to seeing their students all dressed up on such a special occasion. That night, students were able to see teachers let their hair down to become a little more real. Teachers dancing was obviously one of the most discussed topics the next Monday. So, what's wrong with that? They are real people too. For one of the first times, we were able to see the fun that they could have with us. Even Mr. Geiger danced at the prom. The Martins made their way onto the floor without the first trace of hesitation. Other faculty couples also danced to fast and slow music.

So, you see, teachers can have fun.



Former student, Sherri Greiner, and several family members are easily distracted at a home football game. Many area citizens attend the games for moral support to the team.



This was one of the worst winters the community has seen. School was closed for eleven days because of snow

## *Community*

The community experienced a large growth as evidenced by the increase in the construction of new homes in area subdivisions. As families moved in, more students enrolled in school for the remainder of the academic year. Because of the county's geographical location local businesses as well as surrounding communities, profited by student spenders.





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sciousness concerning drug use. While in Tennessee, Kelly saw a tower lit with an anti-drug message. This was it! This was the idea he was looking for. Kelly and Mrs. Sly, the SADD adviser, discussed the idea and decided upon the best way to put it into action. Sovran Bank in Richmond was approached with the idea of computerizing the lights of various offices to light up the anti-drug message. Unfortunately, Sovran could not comply with the request due to other tenants in the building. However, Kelly would not take 'no' for an answer. He tried again. This time, Virginia Power was approached with the idea. It worked. Within just a few short weeks, the company would program every room's lights to spell out the message "No Drugs, No Way"

Not only was the message lit during two weeks around the Thanksgiving holidays, but the Christmas season spectators saw it, too.

It may never be known, but it is hoped that lives were saved because of an idea of a student concerned about his peers and the cooperation of one of Virginia's largest corporations.

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Thanks to a student who likes good ideas and a cooperative corporation, this anti-drug message was sent to thousands of passersby. Kelly Chestnut's idea was publicized by the Richmond Times-Dispatch



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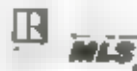
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# Fire and Ice

This is Q94 with the latest school closing list. "Albemarle, Amelia, Buckingham, Charles City,...King and Queen, King William, New Kent, Nottoway, Nottingham,..." This made the ninth school day we were out due to snow. When were we going back to school?

Little did anyone realize that with September, the summer heat wave would continue into the fall. School was dismissed early for several days. Temperatures rose to a record 92°+ before 10 A.M. Sweat formed on foreheads and the thick, humid air seemed to make breathing, the simplest human function, much harder even after just sitting in a classroom. Classrooms never seemed to provide students with enough ventilation for any comfort. Backs of shirts soaked with sweat clung to chairs and legs seemed to perspire an unusual type of glue that worked only on the hottest of days.

Fall, an uneventful as usual brought with it no real weather changes. Hot weather seemed to be prevalent, but that soon

changed into bitter cold weather that lasted until late March.

For four-plus weeks, students and teachers alike watched and waited for snow to close school for an unpredictable amount of time. There was only one problem: we couldn't leave on a trip due to the risk that inclement weather brought with it. Also, who would know if school would be in session the next day?

Winter snow football was the game of the season. Play became more and more prevalent as snow piled up to a record high of twenty-two inches for the year. School was out, but students were into

sledding and snowball fights.

After the snow left in March, winter gradually faded into spring. Temperatures again were at a high into the 90's. Several hot days allowed early school dismissals during the week prior to finals. Graduation was hot as rain forced the ceremony inside the gym. Bodies perspired even without physical movement. Heat was concern number one—graduation came in only at a close second.

As the spring progressed, rain fell more frequently, an extension of our ever-wet winter. But as usual, who ever knew what to expect. Even John Bernier was wrong sometimes.



Typical winter scenes of snow and ice were found in most neighborhoods and all backroads. Sloping hills made a great playground for sledders and snow covered vacant lots served as winter-time football fields.



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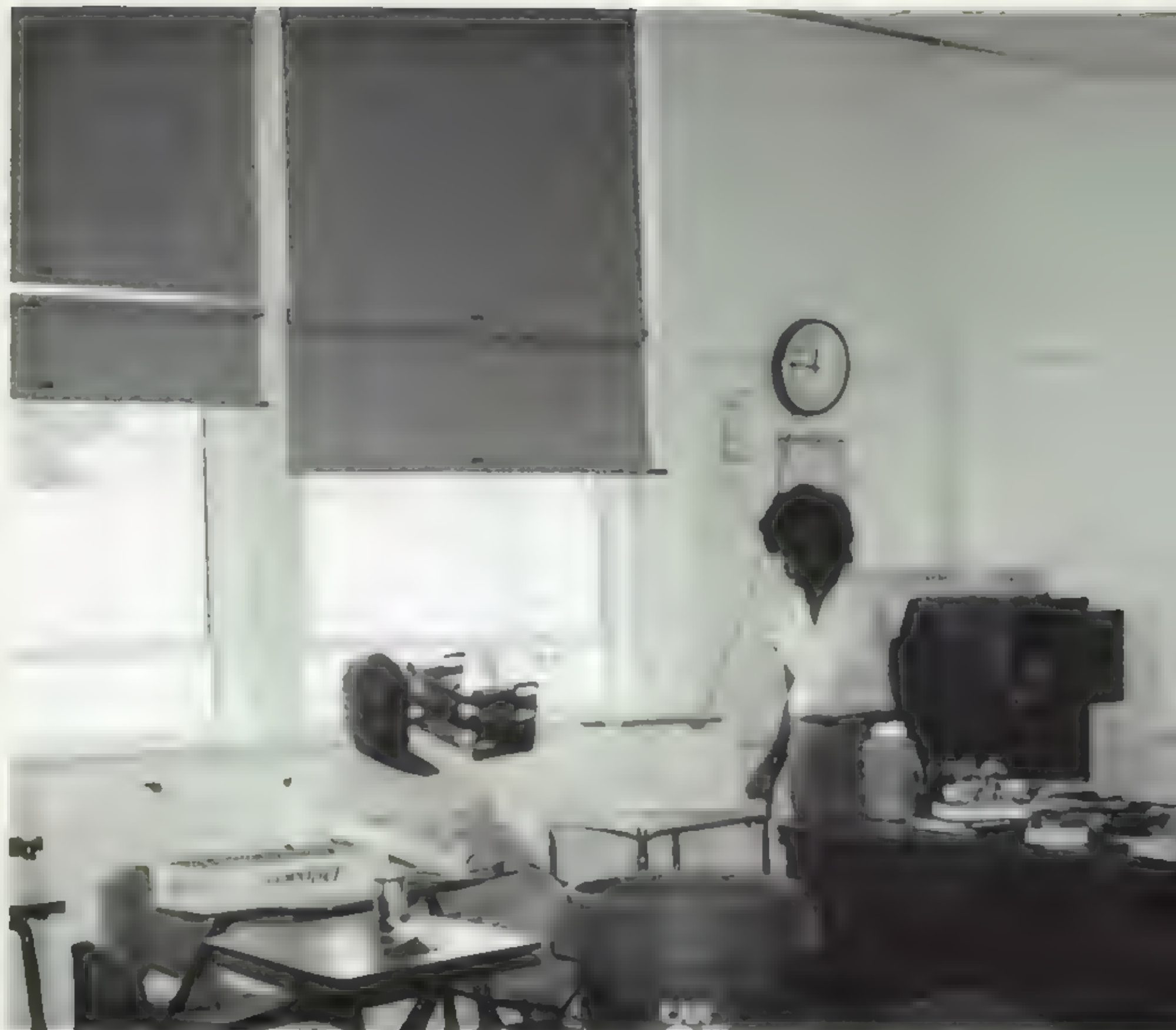
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## "I Love You, Mom!"

Mrs. May always found something to do, even in the scorching heat of last spring. With Mrs. Woodson's help, the two managed to get Mrs. May's room cleaned for the summer.

In support of all school functions and the students who organized them, Mrs. May had her photograph taken for the yearbook. Mrs. May was an English teacher at New Kent for about twenty-five years.



"I'm going to throw this eraser at you if you're not quiet!" That phrase, often the threat, but never the reality, was often heard in the room of a great woman, Irene May. Today is one of many days in which we cannot see her, but only remember the joy and laughter she brought into so many lives.

While yearbook dedications are a bit archaic, fond memories are the thread which holds together the past and shapes the future. Thanks to Mrs. May we can remember the caring concern and love that came from the heart and through the kind words and that she often spoke.

She is no longer with us. Only a few weeks after her retirement, death took her peacefully and us by surprise. Never again would students be able to tell her they loved her. And she can never reciprocate

their affection. And stories of her past years' classroom experiences would never again be enjoyed by her colleagues.

But these things are not the things which we should regret. Instead, we should be so happy that Mrs. May found such love and care in her heart enough to keep teaching even when ill. Her commitment to not only education, but to the county was evidenced in her life beginning many years ago and ending only at her retirement. "There were times I used to visit every home of every student I had," she often said. "I knew every family in the county then and I would take my daughter with me to visit every student and his or her family." Others have also mentioned the times when she used to keep soap, washcloths, and towels in her desk drawer for students who did not have running water at home. She was interested in

each student personally. She even had staple foods in her classroom to distribute to families who did not have the money to buy food.

Mrs. May often invited students to her home for the weekend for slumber parties. "Those were the days," she used to say in reference to those years when her vitality ensured active participation from her students. Whether it was in class or outside of school, Mrs. May made the difference in so many lives.

While she is gone physically, "Mom," as she was often referred to, really lives on. Her wise words are often remembered by students who graduated years ago. One former student commented, "She knew so much. And she had so much to offer." Thank goodness for memories. This time they're wonderful.



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## Concert-itis

"Concert-itis" it was called. Frequent concertgoers were found everywhere—the Hampton and Richmond Coliseums and even Norfolk Scope and Washington D.C.'s JFK Stadium. School nights were typical nights for most concerts but that didn't stop the majority of the population from going to see their favorite groups, any way.

How about this combination? David Lee Roth and Hank Williams, Jr. Sound pretty funny? Believe it or not, many students like both of these performers. Heavy Metal and Country were enjoyed by many. Whether your taste is Top 40, Heavy Metal, New Wave, Country, Jazz, there was something for everyone. But most frequented concerts that featured performances by U2

Bryan Adams, Billy Joel, Fat Boys, Bon Jovi, and Journey.

Memorabilia always gave away those who attended concerts the previous night. Tee shirts were the most popular concert purchase, followed by tapes, albums, and CDs. Because tapes and tape players were not allowed at school for leisurely listening purposes, tee shirts were the status symbol. Conversations about the performance were typical of most students, whether they attended or not.

So what happened to homework that was supposed to be done by those affected by concert-itis? Most students found that their teachers expected it to be done, anyway. So, as soon as school was over, it was off to home to complete it all before the concert.



What happened? Billy Joel's exuberance is followed by grasping fans. Most fans felt warmed by the personableness that Joel exhibited throughout his music.

# In Search of Financial Independence

"No, I can't go out, I have to work." That comment became increasingly evident in conversations as you listened to and talked with upperclassmen. When spring hit, so did the shoes—they all the pavement that is. If everyone was in search of the infamous summer job.

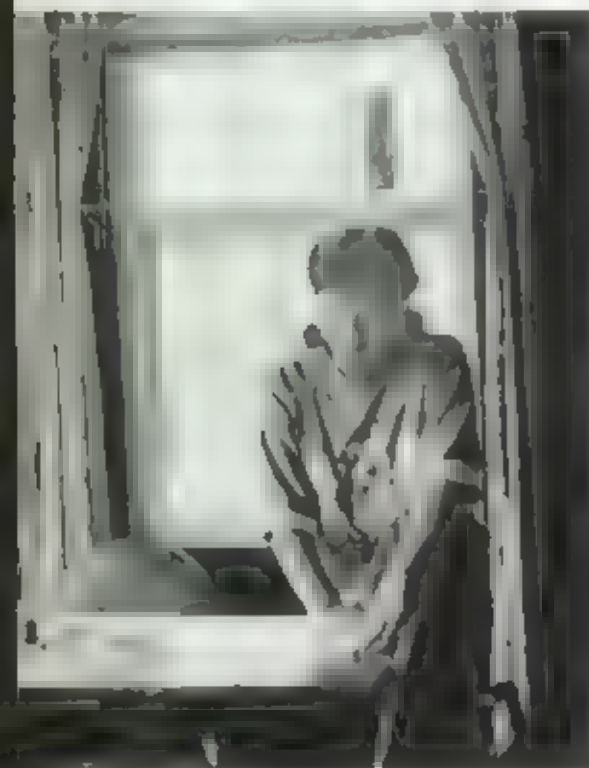
Beth Dean, looking for a job, applied at several places before deciding on the Williamsburg

Soap and Candle Factory in Norque. Not only did she work during the summer, but she worked into the fall as well. Erik Opperman's job at Chuck's Supermarket in Providence Forge kept him extremely busy during the year. Many times he could not stay for extracurricular activities because of his job. They want me to work, so I can't stay today. I'm

really sorry," Erik said apologetically. Some students were fortunate that their employers allowed them the time off to participate in sports and clubs during the year. The schedule conflict was solved because those students agreed to work on weekends.

People enjoyed their work or simply endured it. Money was only one reward. Making

friends was another. Their jobs enable them to enjoy their time off without bumming money from parents and gave them a source to have fun with. Workers could enjoy dates and other money necessary events more easily and often than those who did not work.



Karen Uhler's job as a bus girl at the Colonial Restuarant proved to be profitable. Not only did Karen earn enough money to support her entertainment habit, but she also made friends with other students who she had not known before.

Erik Opperman waits on customers in the Deli at Chuck's as part of his job. Erik has also stocked shelves with staples, stocked the dairy and meat cases, worked the cash register, and has worked as a bag boy.





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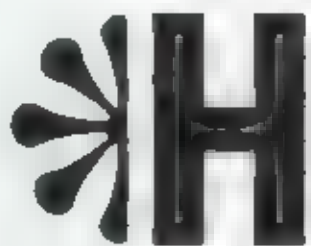
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*Thank God it's over*

## Smooth Sailing? Never!

by Joanne McLaughlin

So, what do you think? Was it unpredictable?

Spring came along and brought with it the expected heat and new fashions. Back came the jams and shorts, but new to the season were crop pants and cut-off sweats. Shirts and blouses were both bright, colorful, and designed-filled.

At noon on May 14, a bell rang to commemorate the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution. Many events were beginning to take place in celebration of this event.

Along with frustrated, hot and tired teachers, custodians, cafeteria staffers, and principals, were secretaries. Friday morning Morning Bulletins were frequently headed "Thank God It's Friday!!!" Thank goodness school was almost over.

Upperclassmen who had the advantage of a car headed for the beach at every sign of a break. The heat that came with the last few weeks of school was rough. With temperatures in the 80s and 90s, the heat and humidity made concentrating difficult. During those scorching days, even the most serious students worked hard to persuade teachers to give into breaks. Some were successful, but most were not tempted by such frequent requests.

Many field trips were taken during the spring months. Spanish III students experienced the culture of a Spanish Folklore Ballet. For those who had seen traditional ballet, the Folklore Ballet was not typical

of what was expected. Consumer Math students discovered the frustration of not being able to attain all the money at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Students were only slightly appeased with a package of shredded money equivalent to \$80 before beginning their tour. For those unexposed to art, the art field trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond was an unique experience—an experience that most students had never had.

Spring brought with it also much happiness and yet

anxiety. Seniors experienced happiness because high school was going to be soon over. Yet those same seniors were wary over leaving the comfortable environment of school and friends. Underclassmen felt these feelings for much the same reasons. Many were happy to see the end of another grueling year, yet soon to regret the absence of their graduating friends.

Yes, it is all over. The work, the laughter, the joy, the frustration, but most of all, the unpredictability of it all...or is it? Just wait 'til next year.



Trust proved to be important as Jill Wood led Darryl Cahoon and Carty Trader through now unfamiliar hallways during a Sociology experiment.

Jill Wood laughs hysterically as others gaze in disbelief. Only Jill knows that the gorilla is actually a singing valentine for her boyfriend, Kelly Chestnut.





Marenda Sowers gives David Blount a kiss to wish him luck in a j.v. baseball game. Scenes like this one are not frequently found during the school day



Mr. Geiger's reaction to the "Just Say NO To Drugs" theme during SADD week was "Just say NO to balloon rides." Mr. Geiger soon ducked in the balloon to avoid experiencing his fear of heights as the balloon tethered above the buildings.

Shannon Tucker finds a soft shoulder to rest her head on. Shannon and Nadine Derowitsch had only a limited supply of energy for the long, hard practices at summer band camp.











